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Fresno Ag Leader Recognized by Farm Credit in National Search for 100 Fresh Perspectives Shaping Rural America and Agriculture

Fresno, CA – March 16, 2016 – Mark Thompson, Senior Chattel Appraiser of Fresno Madera Farm Credit is among visionaries being recognized nationally through Farm Credit 100 Fresh Perspectives, a search to identify and honor 100 leaders who are helping define the future of rural communities and agriculture. The honorees were announced Tuesday, March 15 at a National Ag Day event at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

The Farm Credit 100 Fresh Perspectives search was launched in 2015 at the start of the 100th anniversary of the cooperatively owned network of financial service providers. Fresno Madera Farm Credit joins the nearly 80 Farm Credit organizations that are celebrating the dynamic future of rural communities and agriculture. Selected by a panel of experts on rural matters, including Farm Credit leaders and others from around the agriculture industry, honorees like Thompson are among the best-of-the-best who are positively shaping what is next for rural communities and agriculture.

“Farm Credit has supported rural communities and agriculture for 100 years, and we appreciate the vision it takes to remain successful over time in agriculture and rapidly evolving, thriving rural industries,” said Keith Hesterberg, FMFC CEO. “We are delighted to honor Mark Thompson as a leader who is helping to define the future of agriculture and cultivating the next generation of Ag leaders in our community.”

“Our future is delivered to us in the form of our youth. We can change lives by taking these young minds, bodies, and souls, and teaching them responsibility, confidence, strong work ethics, motivation and encouragement. We need them for our tomorrow. We have the ability to not only help them build, grow, and raise projects; but to give them the tools to carry out this very important task,” said Thompson

Thompson has been with Fresno Madera Farm Credit for 42 years and has served many Ag related organizations including: The Clovis Rodeo, Fresno County Farm Bureau, Fresno Fair Champions Club (Founding Member), Reedley College Ag Backers Council and Reedley Ag College Curriculum Committee. Most recently he began the “All Around Ag Award” program which donates toolboxes to talented Ag Youth who have shown promise in Ag Mechanics, and could utilize the tools to further develop their abilities.

For a complete list of the Farm Credit 100 Fresh Perspectives honorees, visit farmcredit100.com/top100

About Fresno Madera Farm Credit

Founded in 1917, FMFC is a farmer-owned cooperative located in one of the most productive agricultural areas in the world. FMFC provides financial services to farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses that grow, process, and market more than 350 crops in Fresno and Madera counties. With more than \$1 billion in loan volume, FMFC is proud to support its Membership and their effort to position their Farms and Ranches for the next generation. For more information about FMFC please visit fmfarmcredit.com.

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