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USDA SUPPORTING COLLABORATION TO PROVIDE OPIOID ADDICTION RESOURCES

The American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Farmers Union are joining forces to combat the opioid epidemic that is impacting rural America. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is supporting this effort through programs that provide financing to communities in their fight against opioid addiction.

Anne Hazlett is the Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development at USDA and spoke recently with the Farm Bureau about the launch of their opioid addiction resource website.

AH – 180103 AFBF NFU CUT 1 – Anne Hazlett :13 “One of the greatest challenges we face in rural America in the opioid epidemic is not simply the numbers or the size of the impact on our communities, it is also the lack of immediate resources.”

The website, farmtownstrong.org, is a collaborative effort to provide resources for communities and families dealing with opioid addiction.

AH – 180103 AFBF NFU CUT 2 – Anne Hazlett :12 “If you’re looking for treatment, if you want to learn about prevention, if families have drugs they want to dispose of, or if you are just looking for a professional to talk about your situation or to help someone that you know.”

USDA has pledged to provide support to the farmtownstrong.org effort and encourages families impacted by addiction to utilize these resources and seek help to combat this problem facing rural America.

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