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## **American AgCredit and Kitchen Table Advisors Partner to Support Small Farmers and Ranchers**

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**Santa Rosa, CA** — American AgCredit today announced a strategic partnership with Kitchen Table Advisors to support the economic viability of sustainable small farmers and ranchers. An independent project of the Trust for Conservation Innovation, Kitchen Table Advisors empowers farmers and ranchers throughout Northern California with the business tools, knowledge and resources they need to flourish.

With a \$10,000 sponsorship, American AgCredit will support continuing education for Kitchen Table Advisor's business advisors. The partnership will officially launch with a train-the-trainer event to be held at American AgCredit's headquarters in Santa Rosa on Wednesday, April 26, 2017. Speaker Gary Matteson, vice president of Young, Beginning, Small Farmer Programs for Farm Credit Council, will equip the advisors to help beginning farmers achieve credit readiness.

"Support of young, beginning and small farmers and ranchers is at the heart of our mission," said American AgCredit CEO Byron Enix. "We are pleased to support Kitchen Table Advisors in this joint effort to help their clients build the foundation for a successful future."

"We are deeply committed to the long-term economic viability of our region's diverse small farms and ranches. Through this exciting partnership with American AgCredit, we will be able to help our clients better understand the tools and resources that can support their growing businesses," said Kitchen Table Advisors' Executive Director Anthony Chang.

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### **About American AgCredit**

Founded in 1916, American AgCredit is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System, and is the nation's fifth largest Farm Credit cooperative. American AgCredit specializes in providing financial services to agricultural and rural customers throughout California, Nevada, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and New Mexico – as well as to capital markets customers throughout the country.

Financial services provided by American AgCredit include production and mortgage financing, equipment and vehicle leasing, crop and life insurance, lines of credit, and the Young, Beginning and Small Farmer Program. In addition, the Association provides interest-free loans for qualifying 4-H and FFA AgYouth programs, as well as college scholarships to young people interested in agriculture. Learn more at [www.AgLoan.com](http://www.AgLoan.com).

### **About Kitchen Table Advisors**

Kitchen Table Advisors envisions a new generation of thriving small-scale, sustainable farms that produce healthy food and form the foundation of regional food systems. We provide farmers with access to the tools, knowledge and resources they need on their path to become resilient and viable businesses. Through in-depth business and financial advising, Kitchen Table Advisors help farmers build the foundation for a successful future. To learn more, visit us online at [kitchentableadvisors.org](http://kitchentableadvisors.org).