



## ***Climate Week NYC Webinar: Farmer Economics & Climate Smart Ag***

Join the Ecosystem Services Market Consortium (ESMC), ADM, the Illinois Corn Growers Association and a farmer from Illinois at a Climate Week NYC webinar on Friday September 25 from 1:00-2:30 pm ET (link to <https://climateweeknyc.org/event/ag-supply-chain-partners-impact>). The event will focus on Farmer Economics and Climate Smart Agriculture, and features supply chain partners who will discuss their project in Illinois.

Agriculture is both a source and a sink of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, accounting for 11% of global GHG emissions in 2013<sup>1</sup> and 9.9% of US GHG emissions in 2018<sup>2</sup>. Scientists recognize that keeping global GHG emissions to a level that does not exceed 2°C of warming is imperative to prevent increased catastrophic impacts; and that agricultural soil carbon sinks are among the primary tools to limit warming. Agriculture, as a natural climate solution, is a solution we cannot overlook. To scale, the solution set must meet farmer and rancher needs, and be economically feasible.

Participants will describe an ESMC project in Illinois to generate quantified, verified, certified GHG emissions and improved water impacts from agriculture. The project will generate soil carbon, net GHG and water quality assets to meet corporate reporting requirements and improve agricultural resilience. Participants will focus on the economics of climate smart agriculture – particularly given the current farm economy - and how ESMC and partners seek to scale climate impact and improve farmer returns.

**Date and Time:** Friday, 25 September 2020 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET

### **Webinar Registration Link:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_nhRqt4YKRqi-WTXPTevQbA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nhRqt4YKRqi-WTXPTevQbA)

### **Event Speakers:**

- Debbie Reed, ESMC
- Alison Taylor, ADM
- Laura Gentry, IL Corn Growers Association
- Rod Weinzierl, IL corn and soy producer

**Ecosystem Services Market Consortium (ESMC)** is a public private partnership of the agricultural supply chain and value chain – including agricultural producer groups and co-ops, major corporate food and beverage companies, agribusiness, conservation NGO's, ag tech companies, land grant universities, and others. Collectively, members are investing in and testing ESMC's national scale market conceived and designed for agriculture.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.c2es.org/content/international-emissions>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/sources-greenhouse-gas-emissions>