



## NATIONAL COALITION FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Media Advisory

### WHEN GOOD FOOD GOES BAD

#### *“Food Safety and Fresh Produce: An Update”*

**Washington, DC** – July 22, 2009 – Food safety and fresh produce is the subject of a National C-FAR “Lunch~N~Learn” Hill Seminar on Monday, July 27, from 12:00–12:55 p.m. in 1302 Longworth House Office Building. The featured speaker is Dr. William McGlynn, Research and Extension Food Science Specialist, Oklahoma State University.

“Consumption of fresh produce in the United States has increased substantially in recent years, but so have outbreaks of food-related illnesses associated with these foods,” said McGlynn. “Only a comprehensive food safety system, from farm to table, will minimize the risk of foodborne illness.”

“This presentation is an excellent example of how agricultural research and extension can produce the scientific outcomes and outreach needed to meet 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges and opportunities,” said M. Stephanie Patrick, President of the National Coalition for Food & Agricultural Research (National C-FAR).

Dr. McGlynn’s research focuses on improving the safety and quality of processed fruits and vegetables. He also serves as a resource to help commercial food processors understand and comply with processing and labeling regulations. Dr. McGlynn chaired the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) Task Force for the CAST Commentary (QTA 2009-1) *Food Safety and Fresh Produce: An Update*.

The seminar is open to the public and the media.

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