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CAST Report on the Role of Transgenic Livestock in the Treatment of Human Disease

Washington, DC – May 10, 2007 – Highlights of a new report being released by the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST Issue Paper 35, *The Role of Transgenic Livestock in the Treatment of Human Disease*), will be presented at the fourth 2007 National C-FAR Hill Seminar by Dr. Carol L. Keefer on Monday, May 14, from 12:30-1:25 in 1302 LHOB.

“Transgenic livestock have the potential to play a critical role in the production of new medications for the treatment of human disease,” reported Keefer, who chaired the CAST task force. “Education regarding the advantages and challenges associated with this new technology is the key to public understanding.”

“We are honored to partner with CAST in featuring Dr. Keefer and the new CAST report in today’s ‘Lunch~N~Learn’ Hill Seminar,” said Joe Layton, President of National C-FAR. “This is an excellent example of how food and agriculture researchers can produce the scientific outcomes needed to meet 21st century challenges and opportunities.”

Dr. Carol L. Keefer is an Associate Professor in the Department of Animal and Avian Science at the University of Maryland, where she has helped establish the new Biotechnology Program in Animal Sciences. Other members of the task force that drafted CAST Issue Paper 35 are Drs. Jerry Pommer and James M. Robl, both of Hematech, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The seminar is open to the public and the media. Questions related to the presentation and CAST Issue Paper 35 should be directed to CAST Executive Vice President John Bonner at jbonner@cast-science.org or (515) 292-2125.

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