

## ABSTRACT

**\$VALUING YOUR DIET-*Effects of Rising Food Prices on Food Insecurity and Diet Quality.*** An expected recession along with increasing food and gas prices has forced consumers to make tough decisions. Why have food prices risen? How are consumers responding to the price increases? Dr. Wilde's research examines the factors that affect U.S. consumer food prices and the impact on rising food prices on U.S. household food insecurity and hunger, as well as on the cost of healthy foods. Ms. Rhoades will discuss how consumers are responding to the increase in food prices and provide examples of how Extension is working in the community to help people consume nutritious diets with limited resources.

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**Parke Wilde, Ph.D.**, is a food economist and Associate Professor in the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University. His career includes stints as the editor of Nutrition Week, the publication of the Community Nutrition Institute, and at USDA's Economic Research Service. In 2003, he joined the faculty of the Friedman School, where he teaches graduate-level courses in statistics and U.S. food policy. Wilde earned his Ph.D. in ag economics at Cornell. His research addresses food security and hunger measurement, the economics of food assistance programs, and federal dietary guidance policy.

**Deborah Rhoades, M.A., R.D.**, is an Extension Educator with the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension, Frederick County. Ms. Rhoades translates food and nutrition research for consumers – educating and empowering families to make healthy eating and physical activity a priority in their daily lives. Ms. Rhoades is a Registered Dietitian and authors a weekly food and nutrition column and has worked with a variety of Federal nutrition programs. She received her M.A. in Nutrition Education from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR  
FOOD & AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

[www.ncfar.org](http://www.ncfar.org)

R. Thomas Van Arsdall, Executive Director

Phone: (540) 785-0949

E-mail: [tom@vanarsdall.com](mailto:tom@vanarsdall.com)

L u n c h ~ N ~ L e a r n S E M I N A R



THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR  
FOOD & AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

*Program:*

**“\$Valuing Your Diet”**

*Effects of Rising Food Prices on  
Food Insecurity and Diet Quality*

September 29, 2008

## PROGRAM

### *Welcome and Introduction*

Jennifer Weber, National C-FAR  
Research Outreach Committee Chair

### *Distinguished Speakers*

DR. PARKE WILDE  
Tufts University  
Friedman School of Nutrition and Science Policy  
Medford, MA

&

DEBORAH RHOADES, RD  
University of Maryland Extension

### *Open Forum Moderator*

DR. EPHRAIM LEIBTAG  
USDA, ERS

### *Closing*

Jennifer Weber

NATIONAL C-FAR IS a nonprofit, nonpartisan, consensus-based and customer-led coalition that brings food, agriculture, nutrition, conservation and natural resource stakeholders together with the food and agriculture research and extension community, serving as a forum and a unified voice in support of sustaining and increasing public investment at the national level in food and agricultural research, extension and education. For additional information, go to [www.ncfar.org](http://www.ncfar.org); or contact Tom Van Arsdall, Executive Director at [tom@vanarsdall.com](mailto:tom@vanarsdall.com).

## SEMINAR SERIES DESCRIPTION

National C-FAR's Seminar Series regularly presents leading-edge researchers to address pressing issues confronting the public and Congress. National C-FAR and the Seminar Series serve as a resource to policymakers and all congressional staff.

---

National C-FAR wishes to recognize the honorary hosts of this seminar series:

*Hon. Kit Bond*

*Hon. Tim Holden*

*Hon. Saxby Chambliss*

*Hon. Timothy V. Johnson*

*Hon. Thad Cochran*

*Hon. Marcy Kaptur*

*Hon. Kent Conrad*

*Hon. Jack Kingston*

*Hon. Rosa DeLauro*

*Hon. Frank Lucas*

*Hon. Bob Goodlatte*

*Hon. Collin Peterson*

*Hon. Tom Harkin*

### **Seminar Series Contributing Sponsors**

Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
American Society of Plant Biologists  
Coalition on Funding Agricultural Research Missions (CoFARM)  
Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST)  
Council on Food, Agricultural & Resource Economics (C-FARE)  
CropLife America  
Farm Foundation  
Federation of Animal Science Societies  
Institute of Food Technologists  
Michigan State University  
Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Inc.  
Syngenta  
United Soybean Board  
Washington University, St. Louis-West Campus