



## NATIONAL COALITION FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Media Advisory

### AGRICULTURE TRADE POLICY

*Responding to a Moving Target*

Washington, DC – September 11, 2006 – The challenges of maintaining an effective agriculture trade policy in a dynamic world will be the focus of a National C-FAR ‘Lunch~N~Learn’ Hill Seminar by Dr. David Blandford on September 11 from 12:30-1:30 PM in 1302 Longworth House Office Building.

“There are growing doubts about the long-term sustainability of current agricultural policies in developed countries given domestic budgetary pressures and trade liberalization,” observed Blandford. “The agriculture industry is already making adjustments for changing technology and demands for agricultural products, and significant reforms in agricultural policies add additional pressures for adjustment.”

Dr. Blandford is a professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at the Pennsylvania State University. He has twice served as chair of the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium – an organization composed of researchers from government, academia and industry.

“We are honored to have Dr. Blandford featured in today’s ‘Lunch~N~Learn’ Hill Seminar,” said Joe Layton, President of National C-FAR. “This is an excellent example of how federal investments in food and agricultural research can provide public benefits.”

The seminar is open to the media. Questions related to Dr. Blandford’s presentation should be directed to Tamara Wagester, Executive Director, Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE) at (202) 408-8522 or [tjwagester@aol.com](mailto:tjwagester@aol.com).

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