



# National C-FAR

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## National C-FAR July Update

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**Not too late to sign-up for the August 21 Regional Food and Agriculture Research Meeting in Ohio:** As mentioned last month, National C-FAR, the Food and Society Project and The Ohio State University are holding a joint meeting with stakeholder groups on The Ohio State University Campus in Columbus on August 21. About 75 stakeholder groups, including National C-FAR current and prospective members located in Ohio and other mid west states, have been invited to participate. This is a pilot meeting for four or five other regional meetings being contemplated. There are still some seats available. If you would like to attend or know of someone who would like to attend, please contact Ellen Jansen, [ejansen@uiuc.edu](mailto:ejansen@uiuc.edu) or 217-333-6575, and she can make the arrangements. There will be no registration fee or charge for the meeting. Participants are responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses.

**Date for National C-FAR Fall Meeting to be set soon:** The September 10-11 date mentioned in the June Monthly Update did not work so we will be visiting with Board members soon via a conference phone call to explore plans for a meeting in DC in October or November. We are considering the need for a fall meeting in order to meet with key Cabinet officials and members of Congress to discuss our goal of doubling federal support of food and agricultural research. It is important to keep food and agriculture research on the minds of the Administration and Congress this fall when funding decisions for the new 2003 food and agriculture research budget and the research title in the new farm bill are being considered. E-mail notices will be sent out just as soon as plans are finalized and a date is set.

**House Agriculture Committee completed its version of the 2001 Farm Bill on July 27:** The Ag Committee bill next goes to the full House, probably not until this fall. This House farm bill is a comprehensive bill that includes provisions on the basic commodity programs, conservation, rural development, and research. Of special interest to National C-FAR, which encouraged the House to include a strong title on food and ag research and education, are the research provisions. The new House bill continues the Research Initiative for Future Agricultural Systems at \$145 million per year for fiscal years 2004 through 2011, reauthorizes existing research programs and includes priority research items such as pest detection and exclusion, energy efficiency, value-added agricultural production and marketing.

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Thank you!

**The Senate Agriculture Committee is still writing their version of the farm bill:** It is not clear whether both the House and Senate will be able to pass a farm bill and send it to the President this year. The current farm bill does not expire until next year, so it would not be too surprising if the bill is not passed until next year. On the other hand, the farm bill has already passed the House Agriculture Committee and several members are pushing for passage this year because they believe more funds are likely to be available this year than next year.

**National C-FAR membership increased to 101 during July:** The eight new members who joined in July are Oregon State University (University); A.J. & Jeanne Harland (Individual); University of Idaho (University); Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research (University); Ann Marie Thro (Individual); Constance Locher Bussard, R.D. (Individual); Dr. Teresa A. Gruber (Individual); and Oklahoma State University (University). Continuing to serve existing members and recruit new members are our top priorities. Please encourage prospective members to review our website, [www.ncfar.org](http://www.ncfar.org), and to request a new member kit. Please contact Ellen Jansen, [ejansen@uiuc.edu](mailto:ejansen@uiuc.edu) or 217-333-6575, to receive our updated brochure that contains the membership list.

**Officers Terry Wolf, David Graves and Joe Coffey met on August 2 with Dr. Joe Jen, the new under secretary for research, education, and economics in USDA:** The Senate confirmed Dr. Jen on July 13. We had a very cordial meeting and we look forward to working with Dr. Jen who leads the \$2.2 billion of food and agriculture research programs in the USDA. Jen has experience in both the public and private sectors. Since 1992, he served as the Dean of the College of Agriculture at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. He was also on the faculty of three land grant institutions and served as director of research at the Campbell Institute of Research and Technology for the Campbell Soup Company. Jen holds a bachelor s degree in agricultural chemistry from National Taiwan University, a master s in food science from Washington State University, a master s degree in business from Southern Illinois University and a PhD in biochemistry from the University of California at Berkeley.

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