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Washington, D.C., April 7—The fifth National C-FAR “Lunch~N~Learn” Hill Seminar of 2010 will be Monday, April 12, from 12:00-12:25 p.m. in 1302 Longworth House Office Building. The featured speaker is Acting Under Secretary Molly Jahn, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). She will speak to implementation of the new tools provided by Congress in the 2008 Farm Bill to coordinate USDA’s science portfolio department-wide.

“Congress gave us in the 2008 Farm Bill the groundwork for a renewed commitment to making USDA a world-class, 21st century scientific enterprise,” says Acting Under Secretary Jahn. “These tools – among them the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and the creation of a USDA Chief Scientist – are helping us re-envision the role and outcomes of scientific research at USDA. Today, we want to start a dialogue our stakeholders on how to build on that commitment in the next Farm Bill, and cultivate awareness and support for how Congress can use agricultural research to improve the quality of life for all Americans.”

“We are pleased to feature Acting Under Secretary Jahn and her presentation on USDA’s ongoing work to advance food and agricultural science under the 2008 Farm Bill research reforms,” says Chuck Conner, President of the National Coalition for Food & Agricultural Research (National C-FAR). “Federal funding for food and agricultural research, education and economics is critical to producing the scientific outcomes and outreach needed to meet 21st century challenges and opportunities.”

Speaker: Dr. Molly Jahn, Acting Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The seminar is open to the public and the media.

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Go to http://www.ncfar.org/Hill_Seminar_Series.asp for more information about the seminar series and past topics. Interviews with National C-FAR President Chuck Conner are available by request. For additional information, go to www.ncfar.org; or contact Tom Van Arsdall, Executive Director, at tom@vanarsdall.com or (703) 509-4746.