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Program:

PROVIDING FOR TOMORROW’S FOOD DAYS

The Critical Role of Food and Agricultural Research

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PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction

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ABSTRACT
An Oktoberfest of Food Days (World Food Prize, October 13; World Food Day, October 16; and the latest Food Day, October 24) is just around the corner. What commitment to research will it take to celebrate Food Days in future generations? What are we taking for granted now about our food and agricultural production system? As an exciting futurist, Dr. Lowell Catlett will convey his knowledge of technologies and their implications on the way we will live and work in the decades ahead in a varied and upbeat presentation. Dr. Catlett will present his take on trends in healthcare, agriculture, the environment, education and the critical role that research into food and agriculture must play. His talk will place the current state of the economy into context and forecast what's in store for businesses and other agricultural stakeholders down the road.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY
LOWELL CATLETT, Ph.D., is a Regent's Professor in Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business and Extension Economics and the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at New Mexico State University. His areas of expertise are: Marketing Economics, Futures Markets, and Production Economics. His interests include: Advising and teaching both undergraduate and graduate students, Futures Market Research, Futuristic Planning and Forecasting. He is the author of numerous books and articles and won the university's highest award to a professor, the Westhafer Award. He works nationally and internationally with corporations and organizations doing futuristic planning concerning the impacts of technology on careers, lifestyles and the economy. Catlett also works with the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Labor, Interior, Defense, Education, Energy and the World Bank. He has been a visiting professor or delivered invited presentations at over 75 universities. He received a BS from West Texas State, a MS from New Mexico State University and a Ph.D. in Economics from Iowa State.
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