



Council for Agricultural Science and Technology

# A Credible Voice for Agriculture

## Norman E. Borlaug

**1970 Nobel Peace Prize Winner; 1977 Presidential Medal of Freedom Recipient; 2005 CAST Charles A. Black Award Winner; 2006 Congressional Gold Medal of Honor Winner**

*CAST specializes in bringing together the knowledge and experience of scientists, summarizing it for broad impact, then communicating it locally and internationally. What CAST does is very important to mankind and to a better world for all.*

## Collin C. Peterson

**U.S. House of Representatives  
Chair of the Committee on Agriculture (2009)**

*When Congress addresses scientific and technological matters, it is important to have access to straightforward information about these complicated issues. Representing a diverse coalition of scientific groups, CAST is well positioned to help advance the legislative process and to ensure that scientific information plays an important role in policy development.*



## Bob Goodlatte (R-VA)

**House of Representatives**

*Many of the issues the Congress deals with involve complex scientific and technical considerations. CAST, through its publications and face-to-face briefings, plays a critical role in informing policymakers of the costs and benefits of the various policy options affecting the food and agricultural sciences.*



## Jack Payne

**Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources  
University of Florida**

*The University of Florida is pleased to belong to CAST, because universities are key components of research and innovation. It is therefore important that our faculty and graduate students be kept as informed as possible of current science-based policy and information from those areas that affect their fields of expertise and interest.*

*CAST's publications are a great tool in addressing that need.*

## Jeff Simmons

**President of Elanco  
2013 Borlaug CAST Communication Award Winner**

*I admire and appreciate what CAST stands for and what they do for our industry. I do not think anything is more important today than supporting food technology.*

## C. Jerry Nelson

**Curators' Professor Emeritus  
University of Missouri**

*Since CAST information is unbiased and designed for policymakers, it is universal in its application within the economic and political situations in which it is considered.*

CAST is an international consortium of scientific and professional societies, companies, and nonprofit organizations.

CAST addresses issues of animal science, food science and agricultural technology, and plant and soil sciences with input from throughout the scientific and legal community.

CAST assembles and interprets science-based information with the help of many volunteer contributors:

- CAST has 49 Board Members representing scientific societies, companies, and nonprofits.
- There are 45 active task force members working on writing and/or reviewing CAST reports yet to be released
- Task force members have contributed to more than 300 CAST publications



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### Gale A. Buchanan

**CAST President 1992–1993; Former USDA Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics**

*The mission of CAST today continues to embrace the idea that all agriculture-related scientific societies will work in harmony to address 'agricultural subjects of broad public concern.' Topics are identified that are particularly relevant and important to our society. Furthermore, the efforts of task forces not only clarify issues and concerns, but also assimilate the most accurate information available on the subject. CAST continues to contribute in a very positive way to a better society.*

### Hans Herren

**1995 World Food Prize Laureate**

*As a CAST lifetime member I get your weekly Friday Notes. Many thanks for this very interesting and useful information.*

### Tom Zimmerman

**Emeritus Faculty  
The Ohio State University**

*I want to compliment CAST on the schedule of publications that will be coming out. These are some 'heavy hitters,' and the timing could not be better to get them out.*

### Julie Fritsch, Communications/Marketing Coordinator National Association of Agricultural Educators

*CAST Friday Notes is a fantastic clearinghouse of agricultural stories. It focuses on students as some prepare to graduate, and all benefit from learning more about agriculture and communication. The previous Friday's edition is linked in each Monday Morning*

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### Doug Getter

**Executive Director, Iowa Biotechnology Association**

*Crop Biotechnology and the Future of Food: A Scientific Assessment is a great summary of the science behind agricultural biotechnology.*