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.

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.
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 Monitor for free and is available to the following:

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- An AAAE listserv that gets to university instructors of ag teachers
- NAAE supervisory boards
- Leaders of agricultural education in every state
- Twenty or more staff members at the governing board of the FFA
- NAAE site which, offers a “Communities of Practice” section—a professional networking site that includes approximately 25% of all ag teachers in the country listed as users

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.