



**CAST WELCOMES TWO NEW SCHOOLS TO THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**  
 Two additional highly respected schools have joined the CAST Educational Program. Cornell University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is known for its excellence in many areas—research, education programs, and extension work. Cal Poly’s College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, with the fifth-largest college of agriculture in the country, is a nationally ranked, comprehensive polytechnic university.



### ROLLOUT OF NEW CAST PAPER

CAST released Commentary QTA2016-1, *A Life-cycle Approach to Low-invasion Potential Bioenergy Production*, on Monday, February 22, in Washington, D.C.—the first day of Invasive Species Awareness Week. The activities included three presentations and a live webinar. The morning and noon sessions were held with the assistance of the National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research as Senate and House briefings, respectively. In the afternoon, CAST and the Environmental Law Institute cohosted a presentation regarding bioenergy and invasive species. Jacob Barney, from Virginia Tech, and Read Porter, from the Environmental Law Institute, presented key information from the paper, and those on hand to comment were Aviva Glaser (National Wildlife Federation), Anthony Koop (USDA/APHIS), and Jonathan Jones (USDA/APHIS).

**A LIFE-CYCLE APPROACH TO LOW-INVASION POTENTIAL BIOENERGY PRODUCTION**  
 February 2016

**Presenting on CAST Commentary:**


- **Jacob Barney, PhD** ~ Assistant Professor of Invasive Plant Ecology, Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology, and Weed Science, Virginia Tech
- **Read Porter, JD** ~ Senior Attorney and Director of Invasive Species Programs, Environmental Law Institute

**Commenters:**

- **Aviva Glaser** ~ Senior Policy Specialist for Agriculture Policy, National Wildlife Federation
- **Anthony Koop, PhD** ~ Risk Analyst, Plant Epidemiology and Risk Analysis Laboratory/Center for Plant Health Science and Technology, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
- **Jonathan Jones** ~ Federal Noxious Weed Policy Manager/USDA Biofuel Team Coordinator, USDA-APHIS-PPQ

**Moderator:**

- **Kent Schescke** ~ EVP, Council for Agricultural Science and Technology

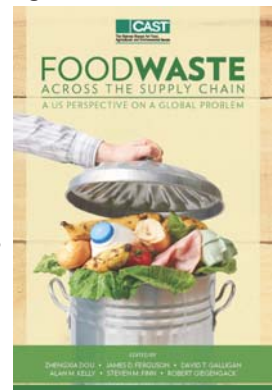




(L to R)  
 Read Porter, Kent Schescke, and Jacob Barney after presenting Senate and House briefings.

### CAST RELEASES PUBLICATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Early in March, CAST, along with the University of Pennsylvania, began distribution of *Food Waste Across the Supply Chain: A U.S. Perspective on a Global Problem*. The book cites experts from academia, government agencies, industry sectors, and NGOs by compiling papers presented at the Last Food Mile Food Waste Conference held at the University of Pennsylvania.





## TWO NEW GROUPS JOIN CAST

The Soil Science Society of America and the American Society of Agronomy both rejoined CAST this year, and the organizations have appointed two accomplished representatives to participate in CAST work groups. Mary Beth Adams will represent the Soil Science Society of America, and Drew Lyon will represent the American Society of Agronomy.

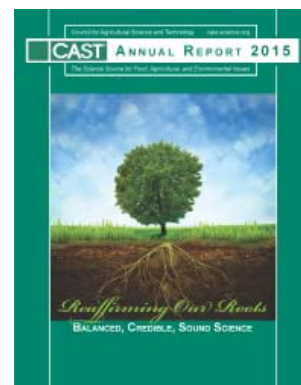


## AG DAY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

CAST renewed its support of Ag Day this past year and helped sponsor the Ag Day festivities in Washington, D.C., in mid-March. Kent Schescke represented CAST at a number of activities including a mix-and-mingle event at the Dirksen Senate Office Building and a celebration of Ag Day meal that took place on the USDA patio. He had the opportunity to engage with both CAST member organizations and potential members.

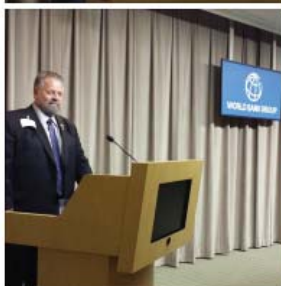
## CAST ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Reaffirming Our Roots/Branching Out in New Directions was the theme of the 2015 annual report that was released in March. It contains letters from Mark Armfelt (current CAST President) and Kent Schescke (CAST EVP) as well as Board of Trustees updates, summaries of the Spring and Fall Board Meetings, BCCA event reports, membership lists, financial summaries, and other information.



## BORLAUG CAST COMMUNICATION AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Kevin Folta, Chair of the Horticultural Sciences Department at the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, was announced as the winner of the 2016 Borlaug CAST Communication Award at The World Bank in Washington, D.C., in April. At the award announcement, Dr. Channapatna Prakash, the 2015 BCCA recipient, spoke on *Gene-edited Crops: More Palatable to GMO Critics and Consumers?*



## CAST PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Susana Fredin is the latest recipient of a CAST President's Award. Susana has volunteered her time over the past few years to translate selected CAST publications into Spanish, which has enabled a larger segment of the world population to benefit from the work CAST does. Kent Schescke presented the award to Susana during the BCCA announcement in Washington, D.C., on April 21.

Top left: Dr. C.S. Prakash, 2015 Borlaug CAST Communication Award winner

Top right: Susana Fredin, President's Award recipient, and Kent Schescke, CAST EVP

Bottom left: Dr. Mark Armfelt, CAST President

Bottom right: Dr. Kevin Folta, 2016 Borlaug CAST Communication Award winner

