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INSTITUTE NEWS

Francis Receives Robert E. Wagner Award for Efficient Agriculture

Charles A. Francis, director of the Center for Sustainable Agricultural Systems, Professor of Agronomy, and Extension Crops Specialist at the University of Nebraska, has received the 1992 Robert E. Wagner Award for Efficient Agriculture. The Award is sponsored by the Potash and Phosphate Institute, and is administered by the American Society of Agronomy (ASA). Dr. Francis is a member of the *American Journal of Alternative Agriculture* Editorial Board.

His educational and research programs focus on design of resource-efficient, profitable, and environmentally sound crop/animal systems that contribute to success of owner/operator farmers, equitable rural development, and quality of life. He is a futurist concerned about global population, resources, and sustainable development.

Over the past two decades, Dr. Francis has co-organized numerous symposia at the annual ASA meetings on topics of resource use efficiency, international education, sustainable agriculture, and in-

novative approaches to research and education. He is co-editor of a new book series, *Our Sustainable Future*, to be published by the University of Nebraska Press in the spring.

Louisiana State University Economist is IAA Visiting Scholar

Donald Huffman, professor of agricultural economics and noted farm management research leader at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA, is visiting the IAA this fall, studying the concept of alternative agriculture and identifying the research needed to help farmers and policymakers make informed decisions concerning alternative farming systems. Huffman, who holds a Ph.D. degree in agricultural economics from Ohio State University, has authored or co-authored over 200 articles, bulletins, and other professional reports on the economics of livestock production and related farm management topics.

SARE Program Increasing Interest in Sustainable Ag, Says GAO

The Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE), formerly the LISA Program, "has been a catalyst in increasing interest in and acceptance of sustainable agriculture by individuals and institutions," according to a recently released report by the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO). **Sustainable Agriculture: Program Management, Accomplishments, and Opportunities** also found "limited guidance from the national office to the regional offices for project monitoring and for reporting program results. In addition, there was little dissemination of project results at the regional and national levels."

The report discusses the USDA's efforts to encourage sustainable agriculture, and makes recommendations to improve those efforts and the SARE program. Single copies of the report (GAO/RCED-92-233) are available free from U.S. GAO, P.O. Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20877; (202)275-6241.

New Plan Outlines Biological Pest Control

A report by 14 distinguished researchers outlines an extensive plan to accelerate the development of biological pest management in California. **Beyond Pesticides: Biological Approaches to Pest Management**, published by the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of California, is the first in-depth analysis of biological pest management under California's diverse climatic and crop conditions. An executive summary is available for \$7, and the entire book for \$14, from ANR Publications, University of California, 6701 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, CA 94608-1239; (510)642-2431.