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The Honorable Thomas Vilsack
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave. SW
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Dear Secretary Vilsack:

On April 28, 2009 the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board and the Farm Foundation co-hosted a symposium on Agriculture Research and Productivity for the Future. Workshop participants identified specific challenges for agricultural research and explored research funding strategies and discussed trends in productivity investments.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Issue Report prepared as a result of the symposium.

As always, I remain available to discuss this document or other Board activities with you at any time.

Sincerely,

M. A. Massengale

Martin A. Massengale
Chair

Enclosure: Issue Report: Agriculture Research and Productivity for the Future

cc: Deputy Secretary Merrigan
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