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INSTITUTE NEWS

Institute Report Looks at Industrial Reorganization of Agriculture

The Industrial Reorganization of U.S. Agriculture: An Overview and Background Report, recently published by the Wallace Institute, examines the industrial reorganization of U.S. agriculture, and how that reorganization affects elements of sustainability. Author Rick Welsh draws from the literature in law, sociology, economics and political science, and attempts to illustrate areas for future inquiry.

The report's chapters explore what agricultural industrialization is, why agriculture is industrializing, what the consequences of this industrialization are, and the results of four focus group interviews. Copies of the report are \$5.50 from the Wallace Institute, 9200 Edmonston Road, #117, Greenbelt, MD 20770; (301) 441-8777.

David Ervin Named Director of Wallace Institute's Policy Studies Program

Dr. David E. Ervin, Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at Oregon State University, has become the Director of the Wallace Institute's Policy Studies Program. He was head of Oregon State University's Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics from 1991 through 1993, and had been a visiting senior analyst at the Office of Technology Assessment's Environment Program from 1994 to 1995. He also served as Chief of the

Resource Policy Branch, Resources and Technology Division, at the USDA's Economic Research Service from 1988-1991.

Ervin's work has focused on natural resource and environmental policy related to agriculture and rural areas. The Wallace Institute's Policy Studies Program responds to the need for sound facts and information on the sustainability of agriculture to help inform the national policymaking process. Ervin succeeds Katherine R. Smith, who became Director of the ERS's Commercial Agriculture Division.

Cass Peterson, Ward Sinclair Win Sustainable Ag Leadership Award

Organic farmer Cass Peterson and her late husband Ward Sinclair have been honored with the fourth annual Sustainable Agriculture Leadership Award from the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture. Peterson is a member of the Wallace Institute's Board of Directors; Sinclair had served on the Board for five years. The award was given for the couple's "outstanding leadership and support of sustainable agriculture in Pennsylvania and the United States, and in recognition of their untiring efforts to educate wannabe farmers, to create new opportunities for all local and organic producers."

PASA has also established the Ward Sinclair Endowment Fund to help finance future programs for new and beginning farmers. For details or to make donations,

contact PASA at P.O. Box 419, Millheim, PA 16854.

Members of Wallace Institute's President's Council Named

Anne K. Vidaver, President of the Wallace Institute, has announced the members of the 1996-1997 President's Council, formed six years ago to provide guidance and support for Wallace Institute activities in promoting a more sustainable agricultural system in the United States and abroad.

Members are: Dr. Charles Benbrook, Benbrook Consulting Services; Norman A. Berg, Washington Representative, Soil and Water Conservation Society; Hon. George E. Brown, Jr., U.S. House of Representatives; Ron Ellermeier, farmer, Glenvil, NE; Robert Gray, Resource Management Consultants; Ralph Grossi, President, American Farmland Trust;

Dr. R. Jim Hildreth, Elmhurst, IL; Ms. Dana Jackson, Land Stewardship Project; Dr. Dennis R. Keeney, Director, Leopold Center; Hon. Patrick J. Leahy, U.S. Senate; Dan Martin, Director, World Environment and Resources Program, MacArthur Foundation; Dr. Ned S. Raun, Stillwater, OK; Ronald L. Rosmann, farmer, Harlan, IA; R. Neil Sampson, Executive Vice President, American Forestry Association;

Edward Sills, Pleasant Grove Farms, Pleasant Grove, CA; Dr. David G. Topel, Dean, College of Agriculture and Director of Experiment Station, Iowa State University; and Dr. Stephen Viederman, President, Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation.