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WALLACE CENTER NEWS

Agriculture Policy Project Releases Farm Policy Recommendations

Leaders of the Agriculture Policy Project of the Henry A. Wallace Center for Agricultural & Environmental Policy at Winrock International have released 95 recommendations for improving U.S. farm and rural development policies. The five-year project has involved 350 farmers, livestock producers, business people, and civic leaders.

Making Changes: Turning Local Visions into National Solutions presents the project participants' recommendations in nine issue areas: Federal agricultural policy explicitly supporting small and diversified farms; market access in the face of consolidation and vertical integration; alternative marketing channels; research and cooperative extension; economic and rural development; special populations of farmers and farmers in "pockets of poverty"; young, beginning, and retiring farmers and

ranchers; farmland preservation and sprawl management; and water and air quality.

Making Changes is available on the Internet at www.winrock.org/wallace; hard copies of the report are \$15 from the Wallace Center for Agricultural & Environmental Policy, Winrock International, 1621 N. Kent St., #1200, Arlington, VA 22209-2134; (703) 525-9430; e-mail, wagpol@winrock.org.

Small Core of Science on Genetically Engineered Crops Limits Effective Regulation, Says New Report

The varieties and uses of genetically modified, or transgenic, crops have grown much more rapidly than our ability to understand or appropriately regulate them, according to a report released by the Wallace Center. Despite a large volume of popular literature, adequate scientific re-

search into the benefits and risks these crops pose has not been done. The report recommends greater public research funding, revised research policies, and a better regulatory system to ensure that development and use of transgenic crops deliver public environmental benefits and avoid ecological hazards. *Transgenic Crops: An Environmental Assessment*, prepared by a team of researchers from the Wallace Center, Michigan State University, and Portland State University, conducted a broad review and assessment of science and policy literature that led to identification of important gaps in research and regulation.

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