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The theme of the conference is “Moving Ideas to Action.” Forrest W. Calico, senior adviser on quality for the National Rural Health Association, will give the keynote address. The forum will include 12 one-hour, skills-building workshops for participants to choose from, with topics on research collaboration, tools for implementing interventions, and risk management on the farm. A featured focus of the conference will be presentations to assist farm families in farm risk management and avian flu and tips for farm families in choosing a health insurance policy. Two workshops will feature community-based participatory research projects. Farmers are encouraged to attend the forum. A limited number of free registrations and $50 stipends are available to farmers on a first-come, first-served basis.

Iowa’s Center for Agricultural Safety and Health was established to enhance the health and safety of Iowa’s agricultural community by establishing and coordinating prevention and education programs. The Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health is a comprehensive facility to study and respond to the health and safety issues associated with the practice of agriculture. Based in the University of Iowa College of Public Health, I-CASH is a joint venture of the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

For more information about the forum, contact Eileen Fisher at 319-335-4224 or visit www.public-health.uiowa.edu/ICASH/programs/MRASH/2006/index.htm. Online registration is available at www.uiowa.edu/~confinst.

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