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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WORLD FOOD DAY PANEL TO DISCUSS HUNGER ISSUES

CHARLESTON -- As part of World Food Day, local panelists will discuss ways to raise public awareness of hunger and educate students and residents on how they can be part of the solution.

The panel discussion will be held at noon Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. Union at Eastern Illinois University.

This year's presentation, "World Food Summit: Promise and Prospects," marks the 12th year Eastern has participated in the East Central Illinois event.

"The purpose, world wide, is to increase awareness about hunger and get people involved," said Ruth Dow, moderator, panelist and professor of family and consumer sciences at EIU. "We want to get people involved on a year-round basis, not just once a year when World Food Day is observed."

Other local speakers will be Andy Cerven from the National Resource Conservation Service; Valencia Browning, professor of family and consumer sciences at EIU; and Julie Scheffers, president of the student chapter of Habitat for Humanity and EIU senior special education major.

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WORLD FOOD DAY

WEIU-TV will broadcast an international panel discussion live from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. from 11 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 2 p.m. on Oct. 16 on Cable Channel 9.

A CROP walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, from St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, located at the intersection of 10th Street and Madison Avenue. For more information, call Joan Gregg at 345-3917.