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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WORLD FOOD DAY

CHARLESTON, IL--In observance of World Food Day, Oct. 16, Eastern Illinois University is hosting panel discussions that day on the theme, "The Hunger Puzzle: Adding International and Macroeconomic Pieces."

A panel discussion on area hunger problems will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of Eastern's University Union.

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Panelists include Ruth Leigh, 1991 Fulbright Educator to Brazil and Spanish teacher at Charleston High School; Joe Grant, agricultural marketing specialist; Julie Hardin, first homeowner, Coles County Habitat for Humanity project; and Ruth Dow, professor in Eastern's School of Home Economics and a community nutrition volunteer in Latin America. Dow is serving as moderator and panelist.

Also on Oct. 16, WEIU TV will broadcast a teleconference from 11 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 2 p.m. featuring international panelists who will discuss hunger problems at the international level. It will be rebroadcast from 1 to 3 p.m., Oct. 21. Individuals are invited to view the Oct. 16 teleconference in the Charleston-Mattoon Room.

The international panel includes Antonio Cabrera Mano Filho, minister of agriculture, Brazil; Hazel Henderson, author; Norman Hicks of World Bank; Atherton Martin, who has studied U.S.-Caribbean economic policy; and Georgie Ann Geyer, syndicated columnist, who is serving as moderator.

In addition to the panel discussions, canned food drives will be held by area businesses, public schools, churches, and on the EIU campus, with donations going to local food pantries.

Both the Charleston Food Pantry and the Mattoon Community Food Center have seen an increase in requests for emergency food, according to Dow.

In 1991, almost 6,000 individuals have been served in Coles County so far.

For more information, call Dow at 345-2743 or 581-3223.