LINCOLN—Feeding the world is the topic when four former U.S. secretaries of agriculture discuss “The Land-Grant Mission of 2012—Transforming Agriculture for the 2050 World” Friday, Sept. 28, at the Lied Center for Performing Arts, 12th and R.

The 7:30 p.m. event is the first Heuermann Lecture of the 2012-13 season. It features these former agricultural secretaries: Nebraska’s U.S. Sen. Mike Johanns, Nebraska native Clayton Yeutter, John Block and Dan Glickman.

The lecture is free, but tickets are needed. Free general admission tickets are available by calling the Lied Center ticket office—402-472-4747 in the Lincoln area, or toll-free 1-800-432-3231.

Jeff Raikes, chief executive officer of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and Ronnie Green, University of Nebraska vice president and Harlan vice chancellor, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, will moderate the discussion.

Heuermann (pronounced Hugh-erman) Lectures in IANR at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln focus on providing and sustaining enough food, natural resources and renewable energy for the people of the world, and on securing the sustainability of rural communities where the vital work of producing food and renewable energy occurs.

This lecture will stream live at http://heuermannlectures.unl.edu, where it will be archived soon after the lecture. All Heuermann Lectures are broadcast on NET2 World at a date following the lecture. The Sept. 28 lecture also will be broadcast on RFD-TV and RURAL TV at a date following the lecture.

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