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Nebraska's Farm to School Summit

October 22, 2014, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Leadership Center, Aurora, Nebraska

Agenda

- 8:30 – 9:00 **Registration-** *light snacks will be available*
- 9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome**
Center for Rural Affairs, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, and USDA Farm to School
Keynote Address
First Lady Sally Ganem
- 9:45 - 10:45 **Workshop Session A Breakouts**
Topics will include Forward Contracts for schools and food producers, Topics in Food Safety and Local Food, Moving Schools Towards Farm to School, Local Food Policy and Teaching Youth to Grow Food
- 11:00 - Noon **Lightening Rounds Session B**
Lightning talks are brief presentations (up to 5 minutes), similar to a TED Talk. They are dynamic and generate interest quickly. Featured will be successful farm to school programs, unique specialty crop growers and markets, and resources such as promotional options for farm to school
- Noon – 1:00 **Lunch**
Local food offerings; Speaker: Bryce Abbey, PhD, Assistant Professor at University of Nebraska- Kearney
- 1:00 – 1:30 **Exhibitor Fair**
Featuring organizations that support Nebraska's agricultural market, local food market, distribution school resources, and wellness issues.
- 1:30 – 2:30 **Workshop Session C Breakouts**
Community: Parents, students, community members, school administrators
Facilitated by Kathie Starkweather, Director of the Center for Rural Affairs Farm and Community Program
Panelists will share how they participated in starting Farm to School programs in their communities. They will be available to answer questions and help determine next steps for attendees in pursuing farm to school programs in their communities.
- School:** Food Service Professionals
Facilitated by Sharon Davis, Department of Education Assistant Director of Nutrition Service
A panel consisting of school food service directors, school nutrition specialists, and a farmer who sells to schools will step through processes for procuring local foods. There will be time for questions. Food Service Professionals should walk away with a better understanding of local food procurement and next steps for their own programs.
- Food Producers:** Farmers, Ranchers, Minimal Processors, Growers
Facilitated by Wyatt Fraas, Assistant Director of the Center for Rural Affairs Farm and Community Program
A panel of expert farmers, Food Service Directors, and a representative from the University of Nebraska Extension will address how-to's for getting started in farm to school. Food producers will walk away with an understanding of what schools need from farmers when purchasing local products, and what can be expected when selling to schools. There will be time for questions.
- 2:30 – 2:45 **Break** *with snacks and Taste Test demonstration*
- 2:45 – 3:45 **World Cafe by Region**
- 3:45 – 4:00 **Closing Session**