

OUR WHY: TO DEVELOP, STRENGTHEN AND INSPIRE A LOCAL FOOD CULTURE THAT IMPROVES THE OVERALL *WELLBEING OF THE REGION.

*Physical, Mental, Economic, Environmental, Spiritual, Social

CONVERSATION HUB

8:30am - 4:30pm
Cafeteria

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EXHIBITS & TRY-IT TABLES

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

DAY 1: DAY OF CONNECTIONS

8:30am - 9:15am REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:15am - 10:15am AM Keynote: Region 5 and Sprout MN
RM: #A237 Cheryal Lee Hills and Arlene Jones

10:30am - 11:15am COMMUNITY PLOT SESSION 1

RM: #A238 Topic A: Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI)
Lolly Occhino and Michael Spraby

RM: #A108 Topic B: From Human Services to Local Foods-How Did This Happen? Michael Maheffey

11:30am - 12:15pm COMMUNITY PLOT SESSION 2

RM: #A238 Topic C: Understanding MN Tax Laws Relating to Niche Markets
Amber Hubbard and Mark Krause

RM: #A108 Topic D: Soil Health & Cover Crops for Growers Large & Small
Steve Lawler and Tom Cotter

12:15pm - 12:45pm LUNCH: CATERED BY CEDAR VALLEY SERVICES INC.

1:00pm - 1:30pm PM Keynote: Region 5 and Sprout MN
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1:45pm - 2:30pm COMMUNITY PLOT SESSION 3

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2:45pm - 3:30pm COMMUNITY PLOT SESSION 4

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3:45pm - 4:30pm REGATHER FOR PANEL Q & A MODERATED BY SANDY ANDERSON

RM: #A237

Cheryal Lee Hills	Lolly Occhino	Suzanne Driessen
Arlene Jones	Michael Sparby	Mark Krause
Dan Hoffman	Amber Hubbard	Michael Mahaffey
Judy Lundy	Tom Cotter	Steve Lawler

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

DAY 2: DIGGING DEEPER

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8:30am - 9:15am **REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**

9:15am - 11:00am Keynote: Food Licensing, Exemptions and Exclusions
RM: #A237 Kathy Zeman

11:15am - 12:15pm Farm to Table: Identifying & Overcoming Obstacles In Creating
RM: #A237 A Local Food Economy In Your Community
Sara George

12:15pm - 1:00pm **LUNCH: CATERED BY HY-VEE**

1:00pm - 4:00pm Cottage Food Producer Food Safety Training - Keep It Safe!
RM: #A238 Keep It Legal!
Suzanne Driessen, UMN



Growing Acres-Inspiring Niche Markets and Local Foods in the Region
Albert Lea Seed

-  Albert Lea Seed-Plant A Seed
- AURI-Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (Day 1)
- Austin Area Minority Business Project, Immigrant Law Center of MN
- Austin Start Up Factory-Austin Community Growth Ventures
- Jen Haugen RD, Down to Earth Dietitian (Day 1)
- Minnesota Corrugated Box, Inc. (Day 1)
- Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture-Dairy and Meat Inspection (Day 1)
- Minnesota Farmers Union
- Minnesota Farmers' Market Association (Day 2)
- Mower County 4-H (Day 1)
- Old 218 (Day 1)
- Principal Sales & Use Tax Division (Day 1)
-  Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships
- Renewing the Countryside
- Resource Table
- SCORE, Marshall Jones (Day 1)
- SHIP Mower County (Day 1)
- Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation
-  "Steal This Idea"-Creative Display/Show Solutions
- SWCD-Soil and Water Conservation District (Day 1)
- University of Minnesota, Cottage Foods Law
-  Try-It Table

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