

8:00AM - 8:45AM CAFETERIA

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

8:45AM - 9:00AM RM #A237/240

WELCOME: NICK SCHILTZ, AG SCIENCE FACULTY, RIVERLAND
DAN HOFFMAN, INTERIM DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

9:00AM - 10:00AM RM: #A237/240

KEYNOTE: BLUE ZONES PROJECT ALBERT LEA - MAKING THE HEALTHY CHOICE THE EASY CHOICE
ELLEN KEHR, ORGANIZATION LEAD, BLUE ZONES PROJECT - ALBERT LEA

COMMUNITY PLOT SESSION 1

10:15AM - 11:15AM [PG #3]

RM #A237/240
RSDP: A POTENTIAL TOOL FOR PROJECTS LIKE GROWING ACRES

RM #A115 (AG CENTER)
DEVELOPING A BUSINESS PLAN

RM #A238
NICHE MARKETS ON THE FARM

COMMUNITY PLOT SESSION 2

11:25AM - 12:15PM [PG #4]

RM #A237/240
UMN EXTENSION SOUTHEAST REGION-PROJECTS PROMOTION

RM #A115 (AG CENTER)
UNDERSTANDING MN TAX LAWS RELATING TO NICHE MARKETS

RM #A238
AGRICULTURAL UTILIZATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE (AURI)



LUNCH HOUR
12:15PM - 1:15PM

CAFETERIA
(SEATING AVAILABLE IN CAFETERIA & RM #A108)

LOCAL LOVERS LANE RM #A108
(CONFERENCE ATTENDEES ENJOY A 20% DISCOUNT)

COMMUNITY PLOT SESSION 3

1:15PM - 2:15PM [PG #4/5]

RM #A237/240
FORGING A PATH TOWARD FOOD FOR ALL

RM #A115 (AG CENTER)
3 ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS YOU NEED TO ASK TO LEAD A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

RM #A238
MARKETING WHOLE ANIMALS: DECODING CUT SHEETS

COMMUNITY PLOT SESSION 4

2:25PM - 3:15PM [PG #5]

RM #A115 (AG CENTER)
GROWING MUSHROOMS WITH FIDDLEHEAD KNOB

RM #A238
WHAT IT TAKES TO TRANSITION TO ORGANIC CERTIFICATION

3:30PM - 4:15PM RM: #A237/240

UPDATE: FARMERS MARKET AGGREGATION PILOT UPDATE
JAN JOANNIDES, RENEWING THE COUNTRYSIDE [PG #2]

4:15PM - 5:00PM RM: #A237/240

REGATHER: REGATHER FOR PANEL Q & A WITH TODAY'S SPEAKERS/EXHIBITORS
LED BY CHRISTINE SEPPANEN, RIVERLAND CHEMISTRY & FOOD SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR [PG #2]

EXHIBITORS



Friday, 8am to 5pm
CAFETERIA

See Flipside for list of Exhibitors

LIVE EVENT PHOTO WALL



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CONFERENCE APP



<http://bit.ly/GAConference2019>

COTTAGE FOODS



LUNCH HOUR
11:30AM - 12:30PM

12:30PM - 3:30PM

RM #A106
(PG #2)

Cottage Food Producer Food Safety Training - Keep It Safe! Keep It Legal

SPACE MAY BE AVAILABLE-CHECK W/ REGISTRATION

BUSINESS PLAN REVIEWS



Friday, 11:30am - 2:00pm
RM #A109

Meet with Kyle Huneke to do a 1:1 Business Plan Review.
Full details in program guide, PG #7

OPEN OFFICE HOUR W/AURI



FRIDAY, 2:30PM - 3:30PM
RM #A109

Meet with Lolly & Jason for a 30 min session on a singular problem you would like help in solving.
Full details in program guide, PG #7

THE 2ND ANNUAL GROWING ACRES CONFERENCE IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY RIVERLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY'S GROWING ACRES INITIATIVE AND IS MADE POSSIBLE WITH HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS, INCLUDING THE SOUTHERN MINNESOTA INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

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WELCOME & KEYNOTE

RM #A237/240
NICK SCHILTZ, AG SCIENCE FACULTY, RIVERLAND
DAN HOFFMAN, INTERIM DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL, RIVERLAND
2019 UPDATE: FOOD LICENSING, EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS
KATHY ZEMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MINNESOTA FARMERS' MARKET ASSOCIATION



LUNCH HOUR
11:00AM - 12:00PM

LOCAL LOVERS LANE CAFETERIA
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9:15AM - 11:00AM

VIDEO PROJECT

11:00AM - 4:00PM (PG #7)
CAFETERIA
Growing Acres Local Foods & Niche Markets Network Student Led Video Project - Interviews

COMMUNITY PLOT SESSION 5

12:00PM - 1:00PM (PG #5)
RM #A237/240
GARVIN HEIGHTS VINEYARDS WITH THE SEPPANEN'S

COMMUNITY PLOT SESSION 6

1:15PM - 2:00PM (PG #3)
RM #A237/240
NICHE MARKETS ON THE FARM

COMMUNITY PLOT SESSION 7

2:15PM - 3:00PM (PG #6)
RM #A237/240
GOOD FOOD ACCESS FUND

COMMUNITY PLOT SESSION 8

3:15PM - 4:00PM (PG #6)
RM #A237/240
GETTING SOCIAL WITH FACEBOOK

AFTERNOON WORKSHOP

12:00PM - 4:00PM (PG #2)
RM #A115
Blazing Trails through the Jungle of Food Regulations

SPACE AVAILABLE!

Who Should Attend?
ANYONE with a passion for their local farms and local food ...
Who sees potential for local food systems where they live ...
But is confused or intimidated by food regulations.

MORNING WORKSHOP

9:15AM - 12:15PM (PG #2)
RM #A106
Basic Vegetable Gardening with Mower County Master Gardeners

SPACE MAY BE AVAILABLE-CHECK W/ REGISTRATION

Learn about gardening from seeds to harvest in this community workshop with Mower County Master Gardeners.



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THANK YOU

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING & GIVING VOICE TO THIS EVENT BROUGHT TO YOU BY RIVERLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY'S GROWING ACRES INITIATIVE!

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

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EXHIBITORS

[FRIDAY UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE]

- Growing Acres - Registration & Information (North Entrance)
- Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI)
- Albert Lea Seed
- Austin Area Minority Business Project, Immigrant Law Center of MN
- DH Consulting (Friday & Saturday)
- Good Food Access Program (Friday & Saturday)
- Minnesota Corrugated Box, INC
- Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Minnesota Department of Revenue
- Minnesota Farmers Market Association (Saturday)
- Mower County Master Gardeners
- Mower Refreshed
- Mower Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)
- Old 218
- Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (RSDP)
- Renewing the Countryside
- Resource Table (Miscellaneous) (Friday & Saturday)
- Riverland Food Pantry
- Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF)
- Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP)
- University of Minnesota Extension: Cottage Foods Resources
- University of Minnesota Extension: SNAP-Ed
- Wintergreen Natural Foods

TRY-IT ACTIVITIES

- Open Office Hour with AURI [FRI 2:30-3:30 in RM #A109]
- Business Plan Reviews with Kyle Huneke [FRI 11:30-2:00 in RM #A109]
- Growing A Network with DH Consulting [FRI - get added!]
- Growing A Network Student Video Project [SAT 11:00-4:00 Cafeteria]