

## **Trainings and Conferences**

### **Bringing the Farm to the Cafeteria: Opportunities for Missouri**

Learn about farm to cafeteria projects around the country and how to apply those models in Missouri.

Hear success stories that are already happening in Missouri.

Learn how to source locally produced foods in ways that comply with state and federal guidelines.

St. Louis: November 17th, 9:00 am-3:30 pm Saint Louis University

Kansas City: November 19th, 9:00 am—3:30 pm Anita B. Gorman Urban Discovery Center

To guarantee your spot, register by November 7, 2008.

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### **Promoting Economic Development Through Local Food Systems: A Training**

December 9, 2008

9:00 am—3:00 pm

An interactive training designed to help extension specialists, economic developers, community leaders, farmers and others understand linkages between economic development strategies and local food systems in Missouri.

Keynote speaker, Leslie Schaller, Business Developer at the nationally known Appalachian Center for Economic Network (ACEnet), has worked with local food businesses to build the capacity of Appalachian communities to network, work together, and innovate to create a dynamic sustainable regional economy.

This training is designed to encourage new relationships between local partners and to develop win-win collaborations around local food systems, thus plenty of time and space will be reserved for dialogue among participants on creating local food system strategies in their home area. Statewide programs that promote local food systems and economic development will offer resources and tips for getting started.

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE 11/26/08 Email Sharon Naylor at [naylors@missouri.edu](mailto:naylors@missouri.edu)

WHERE: Various Interactive TV sites across the state

\$20 Covers program materials and lunch

### **Missouri Farmers' Market Workshops 2008-2009**

The workshops are sponsored by the Missouri Department of Agriculture. Go online to find more about the upcoming workshops [www.mda.mo.gov](http://www.mda.mo.gov). **To register:** Contact the MDA at 573-751-4339 or go online to: [www.mofarmersmarket.blogspot.com](http://www.mofarmersmarket.blogspot.com)

Nov. 21: Finding the Salesman in You Hannibal, MO Quality Inn & Suites

Dec. 4: Finding the Salesman in You St. Joseph, MO Buchanan County Ext. Office

Dec. 11: Growing for a Farmers' Market Fredericktown, MO Eagles Lodge

Jan. 20: Food Safety, On the Farm and At the Market Columbia, MO Courtyard by Marriott

Jan. 27: Finding the Salesman in You Blue Springs, MO Courtyard by Marriott

Feb. 10: Food Safety, On the Farm and At the Market St. Peters, MO St. Charles County Ext. Office

March 6: Growing for a Farmers' Market Springfield, MO Springfield Library Center

### **University of Missouri Extension Community Development Academy**

A series of three courses called the Community Development Academy is offered by the University of Missouri Community Development Extension Program. The Community Development Academy is an intensive, experiential, five-day course (for noncredit or for three hours undergraduate or graduate credit), which explores ideas and develops practical skills for effectively involving and empowering local citizens and leaders in community-based efforts.

The courses combine leading edge thinking with practical application to enhance the capacity of people to work effectively with a broad range of community issues. Each issue requires some form of decision-making process and implementation in the community arena beyond the individual, the family, or business firm.

This professional development experience provides a conceptual base and skills for successfully bringing people (often with diverse views and opinions) together around common issues, helping them learn how to deal collectively with their issues of concern, and giving purposeful direction to their own futures.

<http://extension.missouri.edu/cd/cda/index.html>

**Great Plains Vegetable Growers Conference 2009**

<http://extension.missouri.edu/buchanan/GPVGC.shtml>

The conference will be held on January 8-10, 2009 at the Fulkerson Center, Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph.

January 8            High Tunnels Workshop or Community Supported Agriculture Mini-School  
January 9-10        Great Plains Vegetable Growers Conference

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**2008 Missouri Small Fruit and Vegetable Conference**

February 18 - 19 – 20 Clarion Inn and Conference Center Springfield, Missouri

Monday, February 18 Bus tour of small fruit and vegetable producers

Tuesday, February 19 Keynote presentation, marketing, vegetable production  
and blueberry production

Tuesday evening Ornamentals

Wednesday, February 20 Strawberry production, alternative crop options

The Conference brings together small fruit and vegetable growers, researchers, extension workers, and commercial suppliers from across the state and around the country. The keynote presentation highlights the focus of the conference on the diverse crops produced in Missouri. There is a trade show that includes vendors for a wide range of products and services and the Missouri Blueberry Council holds its annual meeting.

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**Looking Ahead:**

March 3-4

Food Demonstration Training

Columbia, MO

September 2009

Missouri Safe Routes to School Conference

October 2009

Missouri Trail Summit