

2015 Conference Keynote Speakers

Fred Kirschenmann

Mr. Kirschenmann is a Distinguished Fellow for the Leopold Center and President of Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture. He also oversees management of his family's certified organic farm in North Dakota and is a professor at ISU. Kirschenmann graduated from the University of Chicago, and has written extensively about ethics and agriculture.

Lynda Annoreno

Ms. Annoreno has an extensive background in local food systems. Her home is in Baudette Minnesota. Previously she lived and worked in Chicago and spent many years in Phoenix. In 2012 she started the Fresh Start Farmers Market in Baudette and received state-wide recognition for her efforts. Annoreno is currently contracted with the University of Minnesota as a farmers market coach for the northwest region of the state.

Pre-Conference Workshop

Veggie Compass is a farm management tool for diversified fresh market vegetable growers. Using cost, sales and labor data, the spreadsheet calculates the cost of production for each crop and the profitability of each market channel (e.g., CSA, farmers market, wholesale, retail).

The pre-conference Veggie Compass workshop gives attendees hands-on training on using the program. Each participant will leave with a flash drive containing the program and any work they have completed. Keith Knudson from the Dakota College at Bottineau will be teaching the workshop.

Laptops and flash drives will be provided. Space is limited to the first 15 producers that sign up. There is no charge for this workshop.

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February 6 & 7, 2015

- *Make your specialty crop business better.*
- *Strengthen old and cultivate new relationships.*
- *Connect producers and consumers to grow our local foods economy.*

Baymont Inn & Suites
Mandan, ND

Schedule of Events

Friday, February, 6 2015

9:00 am **Registration**
 9:30 am - 12:00 pm **Pre-Conference Veggie Compass Workshop**
 Keith Knudson, Dakota College at Bottineau
 1:00 - 4:00 pm **Veggie Compass Help Desk**
open for questions
 12:00 - 12:55 pm **Light Lunch, Welcome and NDDA Update**
 1:00 - 2:00 pm **Building Community with Your Market**
 Lynda Annoreno

Break Out Sessions

	PRODUCTION	POINT OF SALE
2:05 - 2:50 pm	Weed Control Options Dr. Patrick Carr NDSU Dickinson Research Extension Center	Why should I label my products? Julie Garden Robinson NDSU Extension Specialist
2:50 pm - Break		
3:10 - 3:55 pm New Pests or Diseases in your fields Kathy Wiederholt, Fruit Project Manager NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center		
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Animals Large and Small in your Garden Pat Lothspeich Outreach Biologist, ND Game and Fish	Combining efforts for a common goal Vaughn Hammond

5:00 - 5:30 pm Hotel check-in, prepare for evening activities
 5:30 pm **Banquet, NDFMGA Annual Meeting & social to follow**

Hotel Information

A block of rooms has been reserved for Friday, February 6 at the Baymont Inn & Suites, Mandan. Ask for the "ND Farmers Market & Growers Association room block."
 Room rates expire January 31, 2015.
 Phone: 701-663-7401
 Address: 2611 Old Red Trail, Mandan, ND 58554 (I-94, Exit 152)

Saturday, February, 7 2015

8:00 - 8:25 am **Continental Breakfast**
 8:00 - 8:45 am **Registration**
 8:30 - 9:30 am **Practical Strategies for Sustained Farming**
 Fred Kirschenmann
 9:35 - 10:45 am **An Honest Look at Local Foods**
 Discussion lead by Nick Trumbauer
 10:45 - 11:15 am **Break**

Break Out Sessions

	MARKETING	PRODUCTION
11:20 am - 12:10 pm	Homegrown Solutions to Local Food System Challenges, Eric Sannerud	Farm Breeder Club 2014 Vegetable Variety Trials Update Frank Kutka NPSAS Farm Breeding Club Co-Coordinator
12:15 pm - Lunch with Discussion Tables		
1:35 - 2:25 pm	Mighty Axe Hops: The Growing Story of a Local Hops Farm, branding your product for success Eric Sannerud	Backyard Beekeeping Bonnie Woodworth North Dakota Beekeepers Association
2:30 pm - Break/Contest judging		
3:05 - 3:55 pm	Alternative Energy on the Farm Jared Barnhart- Humble Cottage Farm	What Every Beekeeper Should Know Bonnie Woodworth North Dakota Beekeepers Association

Speakers and topics subject to change

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm **Young Gardener Panel:**
 Kindred FFA, Hay Creek 4-H, Joanna Larson
 4:55 pm **Announce contest winners and location for next year. Parting thoughts.**

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Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Email: _____
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 I'm registering a friend, or two: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

Do you raise specialty crops?

Yes ___ No ___ I do not know ___
 For accounting purposes only; you do not need to raise specialty crops to attend. All individuals who are involved in or have an interest in local foods are encouraged to attend.

Pre-Conference Veggie Compass Workshop
 Space limited to the first 15 people that register
FREE x _____ persons = **FREE**

Friday & Saturday \$55 x _____ persons = _____
Friday Only \$35 x _____ persons = _____
Saturday morning food coop member rate
 \$25 x _____ persons = _____
Saturday Only \$35 x _____ persons = _____
 Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ ck # _____
 Cash or checks only; payable to NDDA .
 Questions, call 701-328-2659, or jgood@nd.gov

Meals are included in the registration fees, please indicate number attending:

Friday Lunch: # _____ Special dietary considerations:
 Friday Dinner: # _____ Vegetarian # _____
 Saturday Breakfast: # _____ Gluten Free # _____
 Saturday Lunch: # _____ Other, please list below: _____

Registrations should be postmarked by
 January 23, 2015 and mailed to:
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