

# **Bluegrass Local Food Summit-Eating From Our Own Soil**

*EDUCATE MOTIVATE POLLINATE*

**April 21, 2011 8am-4:30pm**

Crestwood Christian Church, 1882 Bellefonte Dr. Lexington KY

8:00am-8:30am Check-in & Registration

## **8:30am Welcome and Introductions**

**Jim Embry**, Sustainable Communities Network

**Rev Kory Wilcoxson**, Crestwood Christian Church

**Mayor Jim Gray**, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

## **9:00-9:15am Food and Farming Transition to a Post Carbon Food System**

**Michael Bomford**, *Kentucky State University*,

## **9:15-10:00am What's working and how do we enhance our support of Kentucky farmers?**

### **Farmers Roundtable**

Speakers: **John-Mark Hack**, *Marksbury Farm Market*; **Jeff Dabbelt**, *Lexington Farmers Market*

Resource people: **Terhan Jewell**, *Jewell Farms*; **Willis Sautter**, *Walnut Hall Beef*; **Dan Shelley Tucker**, *Tucker's Turkey Farm*; **Maria Turner**, *Garrard County Farmers' Market*

## **10:00-10:30 Local Government and Re-building our Local Food System**

**Sara Fritschner**, **Joshua Jennings**, *Louisville Metro Government, Farm to Table, Health Equity & Food Policy*

## **10:30-11:15am How Community Groups Connect with Local Foods**

**Lucinda Masterton**, *Family Court Judge*;

**Shelia Taluskie**, *Chrysalis House, Purple Lunch Box*;

**Diane Fleet**, **Jessica Ballard**, *Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program Farm*;

**Rob Rumpke**, *Bluegrass Tomorrow*;

**Erica Horn**, *Faith Feeds*

## 11:15-12 noon **Educational Institutions and Local Foods**

### **K-12 Schools and Local Foods**

Michelle Coker, Tresine Logsdon, Fayette County Public Schools

Sylvia Moore, Mercer County Schools-Farm-to-School

**Higher education**

Mark Williams, Keiko Tanaka, Tim Woods, University of Kentucky

**12 noon-1pm Lunch**

**Lunch speaker: First Lady of Kentucky, Jane Beshear**

**1:15-2pm Higher Education continued & State Government**

David Cooke, Berea College, Grow Appalachia

Mac Stone, Kentucky Department of Agriculture

Matt Chaliff, Kentucky Department of Education, Future Farmers of Kentucky

2pm-3:45pm **Afternoon Working Groups**

*These Working Group sessions are meant to discuss strategy, develop action steps for each sector that will serve to increase the growing, distribution, processing, procurement, affordable access, education, consumption and policy making of local foods. Recommendations from each Working Group will be compiled and submitted to Mayor Jim Gray/LFUCG, other local governments, Governor Beshear and KY congressional representatives.*

**Working Group #1 Faith and Food** *Invites all faith community leadership and laypersons to discuss local food, community food security issues and to provide entry points for people of faith to work together to make important connections between our local food systems, our lifestyles, social justice, environmental stewardship and, respect and care for the created order. Faith-based organizations and faith communities representing different traditions will share their work to support local farmers, develop community gardens, and increase healthy food accessibility.*

Facilitators: **Erica Horn**-Faith Feeds; **Carol Devine**-Green Chalice/Disciples of Christ

Resource people: **Phyllis Fitzgerald**-Earth and Spirit Center; **Danny Everett**-United Methodist Church

**Working Group #2 Scaling Up: Meeting the Demand for Local Food**

*Robust local food systems offer social, environmental and economic benefits. Increasingly, wholesale buyers are demanding locally grown food and growers are looking for new regional markets. In order to meet the demand for locally and regionally grown food and move significant quantities of this food into markets such as restaurants, mainstream grocery stores and institutions, local food systems need to be scaled up or expanded from farmer-direct sales of small quantities of product to wholesale transactions.*

*This session will include representatives from farmers, wholesalers, institutions, retailers and will develop strategies and action steps.*

Facilitators: **Aloma Dew**, *Sierra Club*; **John-Mark Hack**, *Marksbury Farm Market*;

Speakers: **Dan Arnett**, *Good Foods Market and Café*; **Rick Christman**, *Employment Solutions*; **Beth Richardson**, *Tarleton Tavern Farm*; **Andre Barbour**- *Barbour's Farm LLC*;

Resource people: **Jeff Dabbelt**-*Lexington Farmers Market*; **Maria Turner**, *Garrard County's Farmers' Market*, **Willis Sautter**- *Walnut Hall Beef*; **Dan Shelley Tucker**-*Tucker's Turkey Farm*; **Terhan Jewell**-*Jewell Farms*; **John McAlonan**, *Fire on The Ridge Farm*

### **Working Group #3 Growing an Urban Agriculture Food System Economy**

*This groups invites everybody interested in urban agriculture to participate by sharing needs, experiences, questions, and project ideas that address the most important and controversial issues of poverty alleviation, environmental and waste management, local economic, social and community development. How do we collaborate, share resources and build the infrastructure for urban agriculture*

Facilitators: **Sellus Wilder**-*Commonwealth Gardens*; **James Cole**, *Community Ventures Corporation*

Resource people: **Tresine Logsdon**-*Fayette County Public Schools*; **Steve Austin**-*Bluegrass Community Foundation*; **Timothy Mayer**-*Community Farm Alliance*, **Deborah Messenger**, *Field to Fork Festival*, **Matt Chaliff**, *FFA*

**Working Group #4 Creating a Local Food Policy Council** *This session will work on education and development of food policy councils. It is appropriate for anyone who is interested in or involved with any organized effort to influence local and state food, agriculture, or nutrition policy. This session is an opportunity to learn more about policy, projects and partnerships that make up local food systems. It is also an occasion to network with individuals on the cutting edge of local and state food policy issues and will develop strategies for contributing to the development of the state food policy council and local councils throughout the state.*

Facilitators: **Joshua Jennings**, *Louisville Metro Government*

**Working Group #5 Growing Food and Partnerships in Appalachia** *Building regional partnerships is critical to creating just and sustainable local food systems in any region of Kentucky. This session will discuss ways to build even greater collaboration and capacity-building projects that address needs such as: educating children about growing gardens, diet-related health concerns – obesity, diabetes, heart disease, affordability of fresh produce, local food in school lunches, preserving traditional knowledge, small business development, and much more!.*

Facilitators: **Mike Stratford**, *Christian Appalachian Project*; **David Cooke**, *Berea College*

### **3:45pm-4:00pm Working Group Reports & Adjourn**

**5pm-7pm Kentucky Wine Tasting at Kentucky Proud Market, Downtown Civic Center Shops(Rupp Arena**

When: Thursday April 21, 2011 8am-4:30pm

Cost: \$45.00 per person(no one turned away for lack of money: scholarships available)

More info:

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**Bluegrass Local Food Summit Co-sponsors:** *Employment Solutions/CTE, Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass, Bluegrass Community Foundation, Good Foods Market and Café', Green Chalice/Disciples of Christ, Kentucky Proud Market, Walnut Hall Beef, LFUCG Environmental Commission, Crestwood Christian Church, Community Ventures Corporation, Temple Adath Israel, Erica Horn, Lisa Satin, Sierra Club-Cumberland Chapter, EcoC2 Services*