Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year from the Community Food Systems Team! In an effort to decrease the amount of emails on CFS Team listserv, we’ve decided to start sending out a newsletter. While we are cutting down on emails on our end, we encourage you to continue to post relevant and interesting food systems opportunities and information.

Before the holiday break, the coordinating committee had an opportunity to spend two days with Jeannette Abi-Nader, co-creator of Whole Measures. Whole Measures is a framework for food systems values-based planning and evaluation. [http://foodsecurity.org/pub/WholeMeasuresCFS-web.pdf](http://foodsecurity.org/pub/WholeMeasuresCFS-web.pdf). Jeanette was an excellent facilitator and during our time together she helped us cultivate an understanding of Whole Measures (WM), explore capacities needed to implement WM, and develop a plan for utilizing WM. We have not had a chance to debrief after the workshop yet, once we do, we’ll be sure to share what we learned and ask for your feedback on next steps.

Also, if you are interested in reviewing notes from recent CFS coordinating committee meetings, they are available on the CFS Team Sharepoint Site: [https://workspaces.ces.uwex.edu/sites/communityfoodsystems/SitePages/Home.aspx](https://workspaces.ces.uwex.edu/sites/communityfoodsystems/SitePages/Home.aspx)

A friendly reminder that the CFS Team meeting and the Wisconsin Local Food Summit are only a couple weeks away. If you plan on attending, please take a moment to register below.

If you have any feedback, questions, or concerns please contact Erin Peot, [erin.peot@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:erin.peot@ces.uwex.edu) or 608-890-4606.

Thanks!
The Community Food Systems Team

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**Register for CFS Team Meeting and 7th Annual Wisconsin Local Food Summit**

Register now for the CFS Team meeting on Jan 31st at Hotel Chequamegon in Ashland and the Wisconsin Local Food Summit at Northland College on Feb 1-2nd.

**Community Food Systems Team Meeting:**
[http://fyi.uwex.edu/cfsi/2013/01/07/cfs-team-meeting-registration-open-for-uw-extension-colleagues/](http://fyi.uwex.edu/cfsi/2013/01/07/cfs-team-meeting-registration-open-for-uw-extension-colleagues/)

**Wisconsin Local Food Summit:**

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**JCEP 2013**

Joint Council of Extension Professionals - Wisconsin
Call for Session Proposals
Annual Conference, April 17-18, 2013
Theme: "Stronger Together"

***PROPOSALS DUE JANUARY 31, 2013***
Please consider presenting your food systems work at the JCEP Conference this year! [http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/jcep/conference/]

Workshops and Educational Opportunities

January 17  National Good Food Network
Webinar Production Planning to Increase Market Efficiency: Reducing Financial Risk Through Food Hubs
[https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/661294522]

January 18th  Community Gardening Programs Webinar
Patti Nagai, Horticulture Educator, Racine County UWEX will highlight their community gardening programs in an effort to share strategies and successes with statewide colleagues
[http://fyi.uwex.edu/cfsi/2012/10/16/learn-more-about-uwex-community-garden-programs/]

January 28-March 4  Fresh Market Vegetable Series
This intensive short course will focus on fresh market vegetable production in northern Wisconsin. It is being offered in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin-Extension Fresh Market Vegetable Team and UW-Madison's Center for Integrated Agriculture Systems (CIAS).
[http://fyi.uwex.edu/cfsi/2013/01/07/register-now-fresh-market-vegetable-series-in-northern-wisconsin/]

DATCP: Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin Offering Winter Workshops
Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin workshops provide producers with an affordable opportunity to learn technical assistance skills from regional experts and peers in a classroom and/or webinar setting. This year the workshops will feature postharvest handling and on farm food safety, an intermediate look at Quickbooks, and three webinar sessions on farm finances.
[http://datcp.wi.gov/Business/Buy_Local_Buy_Wisconsin/BLBW_Workshops/]

Call for Papers and Participation

Call for papers
Eighth Annual Assembly of the Canadian Association for Food Studies: At the Edge Exploring the Boundaries of Food Studies June 1-4, 2013, University of Victoria Victoria, British Columbia.
[http://fyi.uwex.edu/cfsi/2013/01/04/call-for-papers-canadian-association-for-food-studies/]

Call for participation
Youth Ag Summit, August 19-25, 2013, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
This is an opportunity for 10 U.S. applicants (ages 18-25) to be selected to participate in an expenses paid international conference, based on essays or videos submitted online to a Canadian-hosted website; application deadline is Feb. 15, 2013.
[https://youthagsummit.com/en/apply]
Resources and Tools

National Good Food Network 2012 Webinar Archives
http://ngfn.org/resources/ngfn-cluster-calls/ngfn-cluster-calls

WI Food Trends 2013 by Greg Lawless
http://prezi.com/qo1d7egpdhkg/future-food-trends-2013/

USDA's Know Your Farmer Know Your Food

Journal of Ag, Food Systems, and Community Development
Educator and Institutional Entrepreneur: Cooperative Extension and the building of localized food systems
Click here to read a cool article

Veggie Compass
Veggie Compass is a farm management tool for Wisconsin's diversified fresh market vegetable growers. The system focuses upon a comprehensive spreadsheet designed to facilitate the analysis of farm records.
http://www.veggiecompass.com/

Upcoming Events

http://grassworks.org

The Wisconsin School for Beginning Market Growers, January 18-20th in Madison.

http://www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com/farmers_union_events.phtml

The Wisconsin Local Food Summit, February 1-2, Ashland.
http://wilocalfood.wordpress.comsummits/summit-2013/

http://www.mosesorganic.org/conference.html

The above events and conferences qualify for SARE scholarships. If you are an agricultural educator and you are interested in applying for a SARE scholarship, please fill out the application form at http://www.uwex.edu/ces/sustag/scholarships/ and send it to dbmayerfeld@wisc.edu.

2013 Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference, February 11, Rockford IL.
https://webs.extension.uiuc.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=7617

Food Sovereignty Summit, April 15-18, Green Bay.
http://www.firstnations.org/conferences/2012/food/summit.html

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