



Milwaukee to host Wisconsin Local Food Summit

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MADISON – The 8th Annual Wisconsin Local Food Summit will be hosted in Milwaukee in 2014. The theme of the event, to be held on Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1, is “Cultivating our future: Growing connections for resilient Wisconsin food systems.”

Community organizers, agency advocates, educators, local food producers, students and eaters are encouraged to attend to learn, network and help shape the state’s local food systems. The Wisconsin Local Food Summit will include breakout sessions and regional discussions.

The event will be held at the Milwaukee Area Technical College located at 1015 North Sixth Street. Keynote addresses will be given by LaDonna Sanders Redmond, founder and lead organizer of the Campaign for Food Justice NOW!, and Tony Schultz, owner and operator of Stoney Acres Farm.

This year’s event will be broken into eight tracks to allow participants to gain in-depth knowledge on topics of interest. The tracks include: food security/health, market development, infrastructure development, farm to school, consumer education and promotion, producer development, community development, and organization development and education.

The 2014 Summit includes numerous sessions focused on Community Supported Agriculture or CSAs. Topics of particular interest to those with a CSA include innovative membership involvement, menu planning and financial management.

Register online at wilocalfood.wordpress.com. To receive a discount on admission, the early bird registration deadline is December 20. The website also includes detailed information about tour and transportation options.

The Wisconsin Local Food Summit is coordinated by the Wisconsin Local Food Network. The Summit is also supported by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Wisconsin Farmers Union, Wisconsin Grocers Association and North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education.

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