The Alabama Sustainable Agriculture Network presents

2014 Regional Food & Farm Forum: West Alabama

Marengo Co. Business Development Center – Linden, AL
Tuesday, October 14
Co-hosted by the Deep South Food Alliance

8:30 – 9:00am  Registration, coffee

9:00 – 9:30am  Welcome, introductions, and housekeeping
                10-minute break

9:40 – 10:10am Roundtable discussion (session I)
                10-minute break

10:20 – 10:50am Roundtable discussion (session II)
                10-minute break

11:00 – 11:30am Roundtable discussion (session III)
                10-minute break

11:40 – 12:20pm Lightning talks
                This session consists of a number of 2-4 minute talks about relevant projects, programs,
                resources, etc. that the group should know about. Some slots are already filled. If you
                have something to share, step up to the mic! We’ll do as many as we have time for.
                10-minute break

12:30 – 1:30pm  Lunch
                We will spend some time at lunch on some group visioning re: “What is the value of a
                statewide network or statewide umbrella organization?” Please be thinking on this topic
                throughout the day and let us know what you think!
                15-minute break

1:45 – 3:00pm  Tour of Deep South Food Alliance food hub facilities

During registration and between sessions, be sure to visit the exhibit booths:

Alabama Small Farm/Organic IPM Project
Grow Selma / Blackbelt Benefit Group
Enroll Alabama
First South Farm Credit
VOICES for Alabama’s Children

Nationwide Insurance
National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT)
Southern Fresh Produce
Tuskegee University
Roundtable Discussion Topics:

* Your suggestion: Passionate about a topic you don't see here? Write the topic title and your name (the facilitator) on a sticky note, and assign it a table by posting it on the large, posted agenda. Make it happen!

Session I (9:40-10:10am):
Table 1) Worker-Owned Cooperatives – John Zippert, Federation of Southern Cooperatives
Table 2) Value-Added Products and Cottage Foods – Chip Spencer, Spencer Farms
Table 3) Improving Equal Access to Healthy Food – Jada Shaffer, VOICES for Alabama's Children
Table 4) Your suggestion*
Table 5) Your suggestion*

Session II (10:20-10:50am):
Table 1) Recordkeeping for Profitability – Rockiell Woods, National Center for Appropriate Technology
Table 2) Compost and Vermicompost – Charles Walters, River Oaks Farm
Table 3) Bridging Efforts for Environmental Justice and Food Justice – Adam Johnston, Alabama Rivers Alliance
Table 4) Your suggestion*
Table 5) Your suggestion*

Session III (11:00-11:30am):
Table 1) Small Farms, Big Markets: Aggregating Products Profitably – Andrew Williams, Deep South Food Alliance / TUCCA
Table 2) Managing Pests on your Farm / Garden – Ayanava Majumdar, Extension Entomologist
Table 3) Fermentation and “Living Food” – Lindsay Whiteaker, Harvest Roots Farm and Ferments
Table 4) Your suggestion*
Table 5) Your suggestion*

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