



Value Added Agriculture Development Center & Buy Fresh Buy Local

Holding Fact Finding Meetings in South Dakota

To Evaluate Local Food Distribution

Value Added Agriculture Development Center and Buy Fresh Buy Local are conducting a series of meetings to evaluate the potential for local food distribution. The goal is to establish systems to aggregate, process, package and distribute local foods in South Dakota. All consumers, producers, farmers, businesses, schools and institutions interested in expanding the availability of local foods are invited to attend.

Meetings held in December, 2010 provided findings which show 18% of current local food farmers would like to expand their production when profitability is projected with minimum risk. The complexities involved to deliver local food from the farm to the school system require a cooperative effort. Community support programs could provide effective cluster distribution models to move product throughout the state. Please join us to discuss the future of local foods in South Dakota.

Meetings schedule:

Pierre – February 10, 2011, 5:30 pm, USDA – NRCS building, 1717 N. Lincoln Ave., Pierre, SD

Rapid City – February 19, 2010, 10:00 am, Pennington County Extension Office, 601 E Centre Street, Rapid City, SD

Brookings – February 26, 2011, 10:00 am, SDSU Extension Center, Swiftel Center, Brookings, SD

Spearfish – March 19, 2011, 10:00 am, Lawrence County Extension Center, 1230 North Ave. #4, Spearfish, SD

Rosebud – April 2, 2011, 10:00 am, Rosebud Extension Office, 132 N. Main St., Mission, SD

Mobridge – April 23, 2011, 10:00 am, Pizza Ranch, 1209 10th Street, Mobridge, SD

Pine Ridge – March – April TBA

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