

**Agenda Growing Healthy Food Systems from the Ground Up**  
**Tuesday, March 30, 2010**  
The Inn at Hocking College - 15770 OH-691 Nelsonville, OH 45764

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**Purpose of the Gathering:** To bring the participants in Central Appalachian food systems together and share best practices in markets, processing, aggregation, distribution, and policy to accelerate and expand successful local food systems.

**Goals of the Gathering:**

1. Participants are inspired by examples of successful projects in Central Appalachian value chains.
  2. Partnerships among participants in the regions' food systems form or are stronger.
  3. There are action plans in place to advance local food systems in Central Appalachia.
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<b>8 am</b>	<b>Registration &amp; refreshments</b>
<b>9 am</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Healthy Food System Markets</b> - <i>Hear moderated presentations from panelists experienced in markets followed by Q&amp;A and discussion.</i>
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Guest Speaker &amp; Lunch</b>
<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Option 1: Processing in Healthy Food Systems</b> - <i>Hear moderated presentations from panelists experienced in processing followed by Q&amp;A and discussion.</i>  <b>Option 2: Aggregation &amp; Distribution in Healthy Food Systems</b> - <i>Hear moderated presentations from panelists experienced in aggregation &amp; distribution followed by Q&amp;A and discussion.</i>
<b>2:15 pm</b>	<b>Policy for Healthy Food Systems</b> - <i>Hear moderated presentations from panelists experienced in policy followed by Q&amp;A and discussion</i>
<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>Subregional Action Planning</b> - <i>Gather in subregional groups for presentations on the state of your subregional food system followed by facilitated action planning to strengthen and expand the system.</i>
<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Subregional Report Outs</b>
<b>5 pm</b>	<b>Next Steps and Closing</b>
<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Adjourn</b> – <i>Dinner on your own</i>

**Optional Day in the Field, See the Southeastern Food System at Work**  
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*Breakfast on your own*

*We encourage car pooling for this optional field day*

- 8 am** Depart for Green Edge Gardens
- 8:40 am** Tour Green Edge Gardens and explore season extension, winter marketing, employee development, and other best practices
- 10 am** Depart for Ohio University Food Services
- 10:40 am** Tour Ohio University's facility and explore an institution that is buying local food. Learn what OU has done and hear about other possibilities for institutional buying
- Noon** Lunch
- 1:30 pm** Tour ACEnet's Specialty Food Production center to learn about the Appalachian Staple Foods Collaborative and worker owned Casa Nueva restaurant founded by local food pioneers
- 3:30 pm** Adjourn and depart for home

\*Agenda subject to change