

# CSU Extension Food Systems Newsletter

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Welcome to the **110<sup>th</sup> edition** of the Colorado State University Extension Local Food Systems newsletter. As a key resource connecting our CSU team with local and state partners about events, news and opportunities, we are committed to building a stronger network of those who work on systems-based issues. This newsletter is one way to build that network. You can help us be better connected in two ways:

- **Forward** this newsletter to anyone with an interest in local food systems and CSU's programs in this area and tell them they are welcome to contact us so we can add them to our mailing list.
- **Send us** any events and news from your organization and other partners so that we may share them with our growing readership!

To assist our readers in finding information, events and programs we may have presented in the past, you can find old issues at: <http://foodsystems.colostate.edu/extension-outreach/local-food-systems-newsletter/>.

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## NEWS: USDA FARM IMPLEMENTATION AND COLORADO HEMP (CHAMP) UPDATE

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced an [update](#) on the implementation status of the 2018 Farm Bill, covering the commodity, conservation, trade, nutrition, credit, rural development, research, forestry, energy, horticulture, crop insurance and other program titles.

There is also clarification on the hemp provisions in the Farm Bill, extending the 2014 Farm Bill provisions for hemp production by 12 months to allow USDA to complete the required rulemaking process, and CSU is working with several state partners to develop a Blueprint for Colorado under the Colorado Hemp Advancement and Management Plan (CHAMP) initiative. More information available at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/agplants/champ-initiative>.

For more information about other new developments from the US Farm Bill, please click [here](#).

## NEWS: AGRITOURISM BEST PRACTICES GUIDES

According to the 2017 Ag Census, 28,575 farms offered agritourism and recreational services such as farm or winery tours, hayrides, hunting, and fishing, totaling \$949.3 million in tourism activity for the US (an increase of 35% from \$704 million in 2012).

The Agritourism website developed with support from a USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture grant offers a variety of best practice guides that allow users to obtain downloadable and printable information on different aspects of agritourism management including hospitality, collaboration, location, visitors, risk management, and marketing basics.

To access the best practice guides, as well as more information about a new graduate certificate in agritourism management and the larger agritourism project, please click [here](#).

## CALL FOR COLORADO FOOD SYSTEMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Governor Jared Polis is seeking new applications for membership on the Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council. The Council works to advance recommendations that strengthen healthy food access for all Coloradans through Colorado agriculture and local food systems and economies.

The Council's duties are to:

- Grow local, regional, and statewide food economies within which producers have access to new markets and low-income populations have access to fresh, affordable, and healthy food.
- Support implementation of the recommendations in the Colorado Blueprint of Food and Agriculture Project, ensure that the Blueprint, or its successor project, is updated as needed, and ensure alignment with other state or local food plans if relevant.
- Conduct research regarding national best practices on food and nutrition assistance, direct and intermediated market development, institutional procurement, and farm-to-school programs as well as other priorities determined by the council.
- Collaborate with, serve as a resource to, and receive input from local and regional food policy councils in the state.
- Explore methods of collecting and assessing statewide data relating to council activities and report relevant information and data regarding council activities as required by current law.

The 16 members of the Council are required to meet [specific individual requirements, outlined in section 1 of House Bill 19-1202](#).

Volunteers interested in serving on the Council may apply [here](#). Online applications must be received by **August 1, 2019**, and the new Council must be seated by August 31, 2019. For more information about the Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council, please visit the Council's [website](#).

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: REGENERATIVE FARM FELLOWSHIP

The Stone Barns Regenerative Farmer Fellowship is designed to meet the needs of medium-scale farmers whose transition to regenerative practices would have significant impact on the health of farms and farmland. The Fellowship, which is being piloted in 2019, is developed and programmed by the Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture, in partnership with the [National Young Farmers Coalition](#) and [Arizona State University](#), with generous support from the [General Mills Foundation](#).

**When:** December 3-12, 2019 in New York and Washington D.C. and April 6-9, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Applications:** Due by 11:59 pm Eastern Time on August 7<sup>th</sup>

For more information or to apply, please click [here](#).

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: AGRICULTURE AND FOOD RESEARCH INITIATIVES

NIFA is requesting applications for six AFRI priority areas through the Foundational and Applied Science Program for FY 2019 and FY 2020. The goal of this program is to invest in agricultural production research, education, and extension projects for more sustainable, productive and economically viable plant and animal production systems.

For FY 2019 and FY 2020, applications are sought in the following priority areas:

1. Plant health and production and plant products;
2. Animal health and production and animal products;
3. Food safety, nutrition, and health;
4. Bioenergy, natural resources, and environment;
5. Agriculture systems and technology; and
6. Agriculture economics and rural communities

**Letter of intent and application deadlines:** Vary by program area. See RFA for specific information.

For more information, please contact Dr. Denis Ebodaghe at (202)401-4385 ([email](#)) or Dr. Wesley Dean at (202) 689-4286 ([email](#)). For more information about this year's applications and funding, please click [here](#).

To read more about the broader Agriculture and Food Research Initiative, please click [here](#).

## EVENT: FOOD SAFETY TRAINING FOR COLORADO COTTAGE FOODS PRODUCERS

Learn how to safely produce food from home for a cottage food business. Courses cover a variety of topics that include but are not limited to:

- Basic food safety (proper hygiene, preventing cross-contamination, and temperature control for safe food preparation);
- Foods that are permissible under the updated Colorado Cottage Food Act;
- Ingredient labeling requirements;
- Special considerations for food preparation at higher altitudes; and
- Safe food sampling best practices.

Cottage food safety courses will be offered on the following dates and locations throughout 2019:

- **August 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Weld County
- **August 7<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, El Paso County
- **August 16<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00am – 1:00pm, Arapahoe County
- **August 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, El Paso County
- **August 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Jefferson County
- **August 30<sup>th</sup>**, Denver County
- **September 4<sup>th</sup>**, 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm, El Paso County
- **September 6<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Jefferson County

- **September 20<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Centennial
- **September 24<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm, Grand Junction
- **October 16<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, El Paso County
- **October 25<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Longmont
- **November 4<sup>th</sup>**, 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm, El Paso County
- **November 8<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Golden
- **December 6<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Centennial

**Registration:** \$40.00

To register, please click [here](#).

## EVENT: SAVE THE DATE FOR CSU AG DAY 2019

A CSU ag tradition continues on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, celebrating CSU's history and Colorado agriculture. Ag Day is a tradition that began in 1981, and is hosted by CSU's College of Agricultural Sciences along with Colorado agricultural organizations and associations. The event features the state's agricultural growers and producers preparing Colorado's premier outdoor barbecue from quality Colorado food products to fund scholarships for agricultural sciences students.

Watch for more information [here](#).

## EVENT: COLORADO PROUD SCHOOL MEAL DAY

The Colorado Departments of Agriculture and Education would like to invite Colorado schools to participate in the annual Colorado Proud School Meal Day. This is a day to celebrate Colorado agriculture and to educate schoolchildren about healthy eating.

**When:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019

For ideas, resources, videos and more that help make the Colorado Proud School Meal Day easy to implement in schools and communities, click [here](#).

Schools participating in the 2019 Colorado Proud School Meat Day should email Wendy Lee White [here](#) with the school name, address, and activity planned to be placed on a map of all participating schools as a means to raise the visibility of statewide efforts.

## UPDATED RESOURCE: CSU FOOD SYSTEMS PAGE

Colorado State University's work on food systems continues to grow in breadth, depth and linkages to community, state and national partners. As a way to better share the educational resources, research and activities of the team and its partners, the CSU Food Systems Webpage is updated, and we encourage you to visit: <https://foodsystems.colostate.edu/>. Colorado job and internship listings may be found at: <https://foodsystems.colostate.edu/job-openings/>.



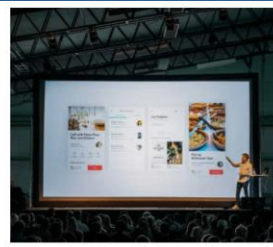
### **COMMUNITY IMPACTS**

The Food System Research Team focuses on understanding processes of community development in rural regions, with an emphasis on identifying strategies to support entrepreneurship, improve agribusiness performance and enhance community based food systems.



### **REGIONAL IMPACTS**

Colorado State University Extension and Outreach Food System programs engage Colorado communities through county-based agents, regional specialists, and Extension faculty. We support community-based organizations, connect stakeholders to state and federal resources, and assist in developing local and regional supply chains.



### **EDUCATIONAL IMPACTS**

Educational opportunities include graduate programs for farmers and ranchers, grant writing workshops, cottage food safety training, and food and ag business training courses.

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## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

To add your ideas and news, contact [Belle Parra](#).

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