

## Conference Agenda

### All Events to Take Place at the Lewis Center for Environmental Studies

Friday November 9

3:00pm Tour of Oberlin Sustainable  
Agriculture Project farms

4:30pm Student Forum: Using the University to  
Support Local Agriculture  
*Open forum for students and faculty about  
campuses and local foods*

6:00pm Dinner, Lewis Center for Environmental  
Studies  
*Dinner featuring locally produced foods*

7:30pm Tour of the Lewis Center Environmental  
Studies Center as green design model

8:00pm Primer on Regional Food Systems:  
Forging New Economic Linkages  
**Kristen Markley**, Community Food Security  
Coalition and  
**Brad Masi**, Ecological Design  
Innovation Center

Saturday, November 10

8:00am Continental Breakfast, Lewis Center for  
Environmental Studies

9:00am Keynote Speaker: The Case for Local Foods  
Systems  
**Kamayar Enshayan**, Univ. Northern Iowa

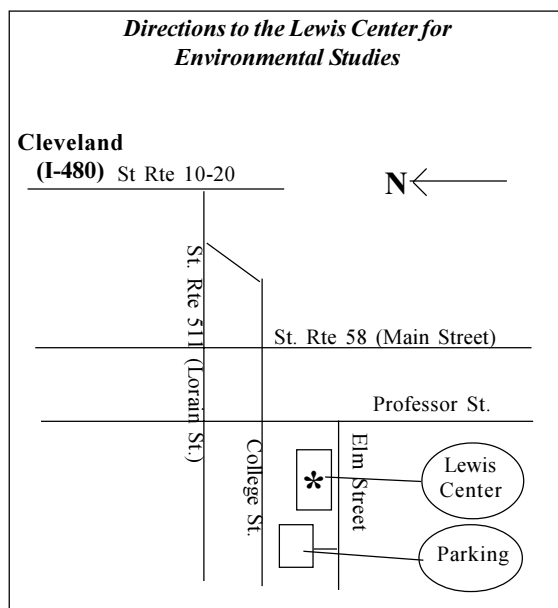
10:00am Panel Discussion on Regional Food  
Systems: Identifying Key Barriers  
**Randy Sheldon**, Food Manager, Ohio Univ.  
**David Orr**, Oberlin College Envir. Studies  
**John Ellerman**, Marketing Specialist, O.S.U.  
**Jay Pickering**, Local Farmer

Noon Break for Lunch

1:30pm Topical Workshops  
*Integrating Food Systems into curricula*  
  
*Liability and other institutional issues*  
  
*Integrating local foods into menu planning*  
  
*Direct marketing to institutional markets*  
  
*Value-added processing/season extension*

3:00pm Work Sessions to Identify First Steps for  
Developing a Local Food System for  
Northeast Ohio  
*Several small groups will be formed to  
identify the next steps building a  
sustainable regional food system for  
northeast Ohio. The results will be  
presented at the end of the conference*

4:30pm Presentation of Work Session Recom-  
mendations/Wrap-up



## FARMS TO COLLEGES

### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please describe yourself:*

☐ Farmer ☐ Student  
☐ Food Distributor ☐ Faculty  
☐ Food Manager ☐ Citizen

*Please Indicate Meals You Plan on Attending:*

☐ Friday Dinner  
☐ Saturday Lunch

*Do you prefer a vegetarian option? (Yes/No)*

*Please indicate workshop topics that you  
would find of particular interest:*

☐ Conducting a regional food assessment  
☐ Value/added processing of local foods  
☐ Incorporating local food into menus  
☐ Local marketing and distribution  
☐ Local foods and college curricula

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

### Thursday, November 1

*Please complete form and a check for \$10 to  
the Ecological Design Innovation Center, MPO  
Box 357, Oberlin, OH 44074*

*For overnight accomodations, please contact  
the Oberlin College Inn at 440-775-1111.  
Limited floor space will be available in college  
coops. Contact [seth.capron@oberlin.edu](mailto:seth.capron@oberlin.edu) for  
details.*

# FARMS TO COLLEGES:

A REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LOCAL  
FOODS SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT  
IN NORTHEAST OHIO

*Where does our food come from and how  
does it get to us?*

*How do our food choices affect local  
farmers, the environment, health, and the  
local economy?*

*What can we do to make local food  
systems healthy and sustainable?*

This November 9th and 10th, explore these and other vital questions through the Farms to Colleges Conference in Oberlin, OH. This conference will focus on the economic, environmental, and educational benefits of connecting regional growers with college and university markets

A combination of workshops, discussions, guest speakers, and representatives of successful local foods programs will also address other topics including:

- ★ Farmland preservation
- ★ Marketing
- ★ Liability and institutional issues
- ★ Menu planning
- ★ Food distribution systems
- ★ Value-added processing
- ★ Environmental studies

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*Help us foster campus dining programs that connect local farmers and consumers, creating a more  
ecologically and economically sustainable system of agriculture for Northeast Ohio*

# FARMS TO COLLEGES

***Building a Sustainable Regional Food  
System for Northeast Ohio***



***A Conference for Increasing Economic  
Linkages Between Campuses and Local  
Farms in Northeast Ohio***

***November 9-10  
Oberlin College,  
Lewis Center for Environmental Studies***

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