

Northeast Food Systems Forum, December 7-8, 2011, Beltsville, MD

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Stephan Goetz	<p>Director/Professor Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development (NERCRD) 7 Armsby Bldg., Penn State University, University Park, PA 16802 PH 814-863-4656</p>	sgoetz@psu.edu	<p>As Director of The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development, Stephan Goetz provides leadership for rural and community development research and extension activities across 13 states. Part of this responsibility includes linking state activities to regional and national initiatives. His current research focuses on applications of network science to problems of local and regional food systems development as well as economic development, including self-employment and</p>

			<p>entrepreneurship. Goetz also serves as the Project Director of the NIFA-funded integrated grant "Enhancing the Food Security of Underserved Populations in the Northeast Through Regional Food Systems Development," which includes 12 institutions across the region and representatives from 11 disciplines. The grant is funded in the amount of \$5 million (2011-2016).</p>
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