

Northeast Food Systems Forum

USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center Campus, Maryland
December 7-8, 2011

Purpose: To catalyze and facilitate multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional groups to form and develop new regional initiatives.

Expected Outcomes:

- New resources to support Extension, research and education in NE identified
- Increased trans-disciplinary, inter-institutional collaboration
- Specific areas of potential collaboration identified
- Potential teams for regional grant proposals be formed
- Continued collaboration among participants until resources are secured

Participants:

- Extension Specialists
- Extension Educators
- Research Faculty
- Directors and Administrators from both Extension and Research
- NE Rural Development Center

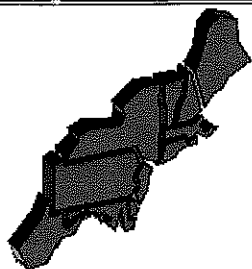
Format: The Forum is not intended to be a traditional conference. It will be planned to be an **interactive** working meeting in an environment for project development for action oriented outcomes.

Location: A “Meet and Greet” reception is scheduled for Wednesday evening, December 7, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Holiday Inn. The Forum will be held on the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center Campus in Building 5 on Thursday, December 8 beginning with breakfast at 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. Free parking is available in both locations.

Hotel: Participants should make their own hotel arrangements by contacting the Holiday Inn, College Park at 866-240-6315. The room rate of \$109 per night plus taxes is available if you identify yourself with “**NE Food Systems Forum**”. Rooms are guaranteed at this rate until **November 14, 2011**.

Registration: Please complete the attached registration form and submit it by **e-mail** to Rubie Mize at rgmize@aesop.rutgers.edu. There is no registration fee. The Northeast Extension Directors (NEED) and the Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors (NERA) will host the reception and meals.

This Forum was planned and organized by the Northeast Administrative Heads (NE-AHS), Extension (NEED) and Research (NERA) Directors, and Members of the Northeast Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET).



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Last Name:	First Name:
Title and Institution:	
Email:	Phone:
Address:	

Important!!! Please include a brief statement, or bullets of your areas of interests, or areas for potential collaboration that you might have forgotten since you completed the survey.

Areas of Interest:

Please submit your registration form by e-mail to Rubie Mize at rgmize@aesop.rutgers.edu by c.o.b. Wednesday, November 30th.