

**Northeast Food Systems
September 8, 2011
3:00 p.m. EDT
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AGENDA**

Roll Call

Linda Kay Benning

Welcome

Larry S. Katz, NEED Chair

Review of the Charge from NEED

Nick Place

1. Develop a strong CAP's grant proposal around the area of specialty crops that builds on the competitive advantage of the Northeast states.
2. Engage the Northeast land-grant universities and other potential partners in defining a comprehensive proposal that combines strengths in local food systems, ethic and other niche markets, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), global food security, sustainability, and human nutrition.
3. The proposal should have a strong component on the human dimensions associations with adoption of local food systems.
4. The team should also consider supply chain issues, agro-tourism possibilities, rural development, network science, demographic shifts, food deserts, and urban-rural connections.
5. The proposal should be developed with extension as the lead but include strong research and/or resident education objectives.

Expected Outcomes Discussion

All

Next Steps

- Identification of potential funders (all)
- Identification of comparative advantage in NE Region (4-6 faculty)
- Identification of existing work that is related (4-6 faculty)
NE Rural Development Center grant (\$5 million) <http://nercrd.psu.edu/efsne.html>
NC1196 – Food Systems Health and Well-being: Understanding Complex relations and Dynamics of Change
- Environmental Scans of components listed in charge (Component(s) – faculty name)
- Identification of Forum Planning Committee Members (6-8 faculty to do agenda, etc.)

Food Systems Forum Information

Dates: December 7, beginning with reception, through December 8 at 3:00 p.m.

Location: USDA Beltsville Facility and Holiday Inn, Beltsville, Rate: \$109.00