



Food Security Forum 2010 Discussion Group Notes



Local Foods Preparation, How to Do It Your Self

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- List of businesses, cooperative apple presses etc.? Existing facilities. Lacking:
 1. Garlic, olives press, etc.
 2. Think about what I buy that are imported, artichoke hearts...
 3. Sea salt, olive oil...
 4. Existing facilities, become cooperatives, shared processing
 5. **ACTION: facilitate communication...** CAFF's role?
 6. Tomaso's pasta sauces, is it locally sourced? Does do all canning and jarring on site
 7. Poultry co-op, as an example for others in formation process
 8. Co-packer idea: your recipe, their facility. Small seasonal batches

- Is there a cooperative distribution system? Tomasos does some.
- Inventory of products not available locally
- School lunch programs need to be localized and health oriented. Problem: contracts with food providers, etc.
- Home gardens: grow your own classes, victory garden movement, Living Green Gazette, new local business
- Lawns to gardens program in Arcata
- Haley West HSU graduate student focused on home gardens as an indicator of self-sufficiency, etc. New movement, looking for interviews. **ACTION: home garden network in HumCo.** Forum. Email contact haleywest@gmail.com
- Communication
- Shared production equipment: what is needed? Survey farmers about what is needed. Small sample of what our farmers do need.
- If we had the facility the demand would grow, supply would increase. **ACTION: new or existing facility.**
- Work with solar preservation.
- Excess produce and no outlet.
- Micro-growers consignment store idea, exists in Arizona.
- Public policy, ag. policy
- **ACTION: Create a Clearing house for information.**
- Tool Library
- Ideas for people who do not have yard space, project facilitation for alternative growing techniques i.e. indoor growing, sprouts.
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- New farmers need information and training: Plan It Green Conference, CR. UCCE, conferences, Sustainable Ag. Research (SAR), SBDC, ACRES (biological farming)
- Locally Delicious: create a website that is fully comprehensive?
- Important not to be redundant or reinvent the wheel, CAFF is a good example of difficulty associated with this issue.
- Food distribution center could serve in this role, example Rio Dell project or FoodWorks.
- Senior housing facility could be a kitchen hub as well.
- Involving granges?
- School gardens.
- Garden shares, get help in your own garden.
- Website to exchange information, match making. **ACTION: Identify existing websites that could serve this purpose.**
- Need more publicity.
- **ACTION: Identify two separate networks- Gardeners network and commercial growers network**
- **ACTION: Sustainable Funding**
- **ACTION: Agricultural Tourism and Farm Tours**

Emails to add to list:

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