



Food Security Forum 2010 Discussion Group Outcomes



TOP 5 ACTION ITEMS

1. Create Package of Info on 'How to Start a Garden' and Provide Seed Starts for Individual Households

- Try to package tools/message: 'Start your garden w/EBT'
 - ✓ Dave McCuish, Deborah Waxan, Michelle Postman, Danielle Stubblefield, George Stevens, Andrew Newcomb, Michele Dulus, George Stevens

2. Utilize Social Networking and Digital Communication

- ✓ Kevin Cunningham, Deborah Giraud, Dan Primerano, Dan E. John LaBoyteaux, Michele Dules

3. Research Farmer Focus Group and Shared Resource Equipment

- ✓ Melanie Patrick, Chris Wisner, George Stevens, Claudia, Abbott-Barish, Jessica Dunoway, Melanie Olstad

4. Creation of Distribution Hub

- Create community cooperation (cooperative corporation?)--owned by shareholders--to look for money and plan for distribution hub
- Create paid position to coordinate farmers and increase volume; models rural development with food hub (need agreement that this is what farmers want)
- Price out pieces of machinery
- Need truck to travel distribution hub
 - ✓ Steve Salzman, David Lippman, Claudia Abbott-Barish, Helen Love

5. Food Preservation/Processing Facility

- Identify existing processing facilities and equipment
- Build community support for local cannery;
 - ✓ Steve Suttell, Ann Anderson, Martha Haynes