

Know Your Farmer Know Your Food Initiative

June 22, 2010

**Norwich Inn and Spa, 607 West Thames Street
Norwich, CT**

Join the discussion on how to get locally grown foods to the cafeterias of Connecticut schools. The Connecticut Departments of Administrative Services and Agriculture are your hosts. Other invited guests include the US Department of Agriculture, the Department of Defense (DOD), DOD produce vendors, AT Siravo and other farmers.

MISSION: This networking and planning meeting aims to inspire, inform, build support, and increase collaborative work for the *Know Your Farmer Know Your Food* initiative and the State of Connecticut.

REGISTRATION: 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MEETING: 4:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

How do we get food from our local farms to the cafeterias in our state? Farm-to-cafeteria is a growing trend in Connecticut and across the country. You may be wondering what are the benefits? Can food service directors buy food from local farmers? What food safety rules and regulations apply? Do farmers need additional licensing? Come and hear from USDA, DOD and the DOD Northeast vendor. They will share their stories, provide suggestions and answer your questions. Each panelist will offer insight on how to get started.

OPEN DISCUSSION: 5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

The open discussion will focus on answering the questions you have about *Know Your Farmer Know Your Food* and identify resources to help you get started.

NETWORKING CT GROWN DINNER: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Are you interested in making new connections to sell/buy local products? Come ready to exchange your business cards. This will be an opportunity for you to make new connections and build new relationships while enjoying a locally produced dinner.

TO REGISTER: Call Jane Slupecki at 860-713-2588 (leave a voicemail) or email Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov. **Please RSVP by June 3.**

Seating is limited to decision makers at the farm with a maximum of two persons per farm.

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