



**Farm to Table**



# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual SWMN Conference: *Local Roots – Regional Connections* Alamosa, Colorado July 15-17, 2013

## Schedule of Events

The goal of this conference is to provide maximum opportunity for farmers, educators, administrators, non-profits, agencies, and policy makers to explore the breadth of what *Farm to School* programs offer to each of them, to learn together and network across sectors. By exploring our own roles, and understanding the roles others play, we can team up to increase opportunities for farmers to expand markets, for children in our schools to learn about growing food, good nutrition and healthy lifestyles, and for agencies and policy makers to promote economic development by establishing sustainable local food systems.

Networking is a primary focus of our conference, so there will be lots of networking time before and after sessions, during meals, and Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 to 4 p.m. after the final session. Flip charts and message boards will be available to aid in organizing group discussions during networking time. So bring your ideas and set up a discussion!

The Sessions will cover major themes, but to inspire cross pollination, members of an Observers Panel representing four, cross-cutting topics will be responsible to bring up issues in *any* session and will lead a wrap-up discussion during Session 5 on Wednesday morning.

There will be space set aside in the facility for folks who would like to prepare poster presentations and provide exhibits.

<b>Monday, July 15, 2013</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Content</b>
1:00 pm til evening	Agricultural Heritage Tour of the San Luis Valley	<b>Field day in San Luis Valley</b> followed by a <b>Local Foods Dinner</b> at 4:30 pm
<b>Tuesday, July 16, 2013</b>		
8:00 am	<b>Registration</b> & networking	
9:00	<b>Welcome</b> & overview	

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Content</b>
9:20	<b>Keynote Speaker – Trudi Kretsinger, KW Farms</b>	Issues facing famers in the San Luis Valley and across the southwest.
10:00	<b>Observers Panel Introduction</b>	
<b>Panel 1</b> 10:30	<b>Farm to School Procurement Models</b>	Latest innovations in procurement and distribution of local food into the schools, plus Farm to Preschool opportunities.
12:00 noon	Lunch & networking discussions	
<b>Panel 2</b> 1:30 pm	<b>State Level Farm to School &amp; Policy Models</b>	Share and compare state level public & private efforts among five southwestern states, especially New Mexico and Colorado.
3:00	Break and Networking	
<b>Panel 3</b> 3:30	<b>Farm to School Education</b>	Getting the most from school gardens, farm visits, cooking activities, and curriculum. Good practices from throughout the region.
5:00	End formal program for the day. Form subject area groups for networking and discussion. Extend your discussions through dinner!	
Evening	Networking discussions across Alamosa. Dinner on your own.	
<b>Wednesday, July 17, 2013</b>		
8:00 am	Networking	
<b>Panel 4</b> 9:00	<b>Growing more healthy, sustainable, local food for schools and institutions</b>	What’s working in supporting new and transitioning producers, traditional foods, coping with drought, sustainable production, infrastructure, and aggregation.
10:30	Break & Networking Discussions	
<b>Panel 5</b> 11: 00	<b>Observer Panel Report Back and Conference Wrap-up Discussion</b>	Conference take-aways and accomplishments
12:30	Lunch & networking discussions	
1:30 pm	Formal program ends	
To 4:00 pm	<b>Networking discussions</b> as desired	