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## CSU Food Systems Webinar Series



We will return in September 2022!  
Have a great summer!

If you are interested in speaking at one of our Fall 2022 webinars please contact **Laney Van**.

View previous webinars [here](#).



## CSU Food Systems Team Spotlights



### Yue Xu

Ph.D. Student  
Dept. of Sociology

Yue is a second-year Ph.D. student in the Department of Sociology, who concentrates on rural sociology, development, food industry clusters, and East Asian studies. Yue grew up in a small town in northwest China. She received her BA in General Sociology from Colorado State University and China Agricultural University and her MA in Sociology at Colorado State University. In her Master's thesis, Yue utilized in-depth qualitative methods to examine how social inequalities were created and reproduced through the seafood industry in the Zhoushan Islands of China, and how this development has affected local rural communities in terms of uneven development, social networks, and community embeddedness. Her study was recognized by the Rural Sociological Society for its 2020 Master's Thesis and Dissertation Research Award and the 2021 RSS 4 Minute Flash Talk award. Her current research involves conducting a comparative analysis of organic food consumption in East Asia, and how this speaks to sustainable development and global value chains. In her free time, Yue loves landscape photography, filming, and reading cosmology.

### Franklyn Garry

Extension Specialist  
College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences  
Department of Clinical Sciences

Dr. Franklyn Garry grew up on a dairy farm in upstate New York. He received his B.S. and DVM from Cornell University and MS from The Ohio State University. He worked in a dairy practice in upstate New York, and

then did advanced clinical training at the Maximillian University in Munich, Germany and at The Ohio State University. He is currently a Professor at Colorado State University, where he has been in the Department of Clinical Sciences since 1987. Since 1996 he has been the coordinator of the **Integrated Livestock Management program at CSU**. This is a multidisciplinary graduate studies program that focuses research and training efforts at problems in cow/calf, feedlot, and dairy agriculture.



## Mark Your Calendar

### Cool Beans Colorado Bean Showcase

Come celebrate the Cool Beans Colorado Bean Showcase at the Origin Hotel in Golden, CO! Learn about an exciting farm-to-table project to promote public and environmental health and thriving local food systems.

**Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**Origin Hotel, 1845 W Colfax Avenue, Golden**



This event, sponsored by the Colorado Department of Agriculture, was made possible by a multi-year collaboration with Health Care Without Harm, Nourish Colorado, CSU, Boulder County Public Health, the Colorado Healthy Hospital Compact, local farms, and businesses, and more. Learn the farm-to-table story of two local pinto bean products: zesty kettle-cooked beans, and pinto tempeh.

Join for some lunch and learning! RSVP [here](#).

### Food Safety Training for Cottage Food Producers

2022 courses

Learn how to safely produce food from home as a cottage food business. This online course covers a variety of topics, including: basic food safety, foods that are permissible under the updated Colorado Cottage Foods Act, ingredient labeling, special considerations for food preparation at high altitudes, and safe food sampling best practices. Registration is \$50.

Courses will be offered online on the following dates. **Click each date below** to register and learn more about the program.

## CSU Extension Cottage Food Safety Training Online:

- **August 10**, 5:00 - 9:00 pm
- **September 13**, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- **September 23**, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **October 14**, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **November 2**, 5:00 - 9:00 pm
- **December 2**, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **December 3**, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

## CSU Food Systems Institute Fall Event Series



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The CSU Food Systems Institute welcomes all faculty, students, Extension and community members interested in connecting with other food system folks for a casual fall kick-off mixer. Join for snacks and conversations about the interesting and inspiring things you did over the summer.

**Tuesday, August 25th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.**

Crooked Stave Taproom at 225 Pine Street, Fort Collins, CO.

This is a free event but please RSVP [here](#).



## 2022 Colorado Food Summit

Join us at the 2022 Colorado Food Summit on **December 8, 2022 in Denver, Colorado** as we bring together

food and agriculture stakeholders from across the state to help build shared understanding of the complex opportunities and challenges facing our food and agriculture systems.

Through panel presentations, storytelling, multi-media and artistic presentations, and facilitated networking, the Summit aims to inspire collaborative action towards a more resilient and equitable food future. We encourage anyone connected to Colorado's food system to be a part of this important discussion.

Subscribe [here](#) to stay up to date!



## Funding Opportunities

## Assistance for On-Farm Food Safety Expenses for Specialty Crop Growers



USDA plans to provide up to \$200 million in assistance for specialty crop producers who incur eligible on-farm food safety program expenses to obtain or renew a food safety certification in calendar years 2022 or 2023.

USDA's new **Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops** (FSCSC) program will help to offset costs for specialty crop producers to comply with regulatory requirements and market-driven food safety certification requirements, which is part of USDA's broader effort to transform the food system to create a more level playing field for small and medium producers and a more balanced, equitable economy for everyone working in food and agriculture.

To be eligible for FSCSC, the applicant must be a specialty crop operation; meet the definition of a small business or very small business; and have paid eligible expenses related to the 2022 (issued on or after June 21, 2022) or 2023 certification.

The FSCSC application period for 2022 is June 27, 2022, through January 31, 2023, and the application period for 2023 will be announced at a later date. FSA will issue payments at the time of application approval for 2022 and after the application period ends for 2023.

[Click here for more information.](#)



## Rapid Response to Extreme Weather Events Across Food and Agriculture Systems

This U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program is designed to rapidly deploy strategies and fill knowledge and information gaps to protect the nation's food and agricultural supply chains, from production through consumption, during and after extreme weather and disasters.

All applicants must directly address the effects associated with an extreme weather event or disaster that has already occurred. Applications must address one or more of the following emphasis areas:

- Agroecosystem Resilience
- Agricultural Commodity and Nutrition Security
- Health, Well-Being, and Safety

Two grant types are available:

- **Standard, FASE (Strengthening Standard):** Extension or Integrated (research and extension), Letter of Intent must be submitted within 14 days

of an extreme weather event and disaster. Applications will be received on a continuous basis.

- **Coordinated Agricultural Project (CAP):** Extension projects only. A Coordinated Agricultural Project is a large-scale multi-million-dollar project to promote collaboration, open communication, and the exchange of information; reduce duplication of effort; and coordinate activities among individuals, institutions, states, and regions. Applicants applying to coordinate this extension response grant program must have the capacity to promptly accept and review proposals, award projects for rapid initiation at subaward institutions, and provide post-award management including project oversight and reporting. The application deadline is included in the FY2022 AFRI RFA.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## Sustainable Agriculture Action Plans

Western SARE is soliciting applications to lead a consultative process and create a **Sustainable Agriculture Action Plan** to document the research, regulatory, area infrastructure, and educational needs and priorities required to increase sustainable agriculture practices in a specific industry/commodity or area of the West.



SARE seeks to fund two proposals: one focused on a specific regionally important agricultural industry or commodity; and a second focused on a specific, limited geographic area in the Western Region that includes multiple crops or production systems. Each successful proposal will be funded for a maximum of \$15,000, which will be awarded as a contracted services agreement.

[Click here for more information about all proposals.](#)

Applications due **August 15th, 2022.**



## Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program

The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service is now accepting applications for the **Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program** (LFS). The LFS program is authorized by the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act. The program provides up to \$200 million for non-competitive cooperative agreements with state governments through the purchase of domestic local foods for distribution to schools. The program will help increase local food consumption and build and expand economic opportunities for local and regional, small, and

socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. State governments can now apply for the LFS Program.

**Applications are due August 31st.**

[Click here to download the RFA.](#)

## New Funding Opportunity for Urban, Indoor and Emerging Agriculture



The Urban, Indoor, and Emerging Agriculture (UIE) program supports research, education, and extension work by awarding grants to solve key problems of local, regional, and national importance that facilitate development of urban, indoor, and emerging agricultural systems. The program includes food value chain stages: production, harvesting, transportation, aggregation, packaging, distribution, and markets.

Applications may only be submitted by entities such as state agricultural experiment stations; colleges and universities; university research foundations; other research institutions and organizations; Federal agencies; national laboratories; private organizations, foundations, or corporations; individuals; or any group consisting of two or more of the above entities.

[View the grant application here.](#)

**Applications are due September 22nd, 2022.**



## Western SARE Competitive Grants 2023 Calls for Proposals

**Farm/Rancher** - The Farmer/Rancher Program focuses on advancing on-farm sustainability solutions by funding innovative producer-driven research and outreach. **Due: November 2, 2022.** [Click here for more information.](#)

**Professional + Producer** - The Professional + Producer Program provides opportunities for agriculture professionals working directly with farmers and ranchers on sustainable agriculture efforts. **Due: November 3, 2022.** [Click here for more information.](#)

**Professional Development** - The Professional Development Program advances education and outreach strategies for professionals and educators who work directly with farmers and ranchers. **Due: November 9, 2022.** [Click here for more information.](#)

**Research to Grassroots** - The Research to Grassroots Program involves interdisciplinary teams who take SARE research results out into the field. **Due: November 9, 2022. [Click here for more information.](#)**

**[Click here](#) for more information about all proposals.**

## Helping Hand for Producers and Handlers Interested in Organic



Agricultural producers and handlers, who are certified organic, along with those who are transitioning to organic production, can now apply for USDA's **Organic and Transitional Education and Certification Program (OTECP)** and **Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP)**, which help producers and handlers cover the cost of organic certification, along with other related expenses.

OTECP covers:

- Certification costs for organic producers and handlers (25% up to \$250 per category);
- Eligible expenses for transitional producers, including fees for pre-certification inspections and development of an organic system plan (75% up to \$750);
- Registration fees for educational events (75% up to \$200); and
- Soil testing (75% up to \$100).

To apply, producers and handlers should contact the **Farm Service Agency** at their local USDA Service Center. As part of completing the OCCSP application, producers and handlers will need to provide documentation of their organic certification and eligible expenses. Organic producers and handlers may also apply for OCCSP through participating state agencies.

**Applications are due October 31st, 2022.**



## News, Resources & Reading



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**AmeriCorps  
Colorado**

## Developing Individuals, Growing Stewards Curriculum (DIGS!)

The AmeriCorps program at CSU Extension recently published a 4-H curriculum based in Colorado agriculture.

Introducing DIGS! A 3rd-5th grade 4-H curriculum based on the principles of Colorado Agriculture, DIGS (Developing Individuals, Growing Stewards) is the result of teamwork between CSU Extension's AmeriCorps program and faculty at the College of Agriculture. The curriculum takes youth on a journey through the world of Western agriculture, from modeling the importance of Colorado's natural resources to observing trait selection in livestock to reading basic maps... DIGS has it all! The DIGS curriculum is also fully equipped for teaching in both formal and informal settings, with each lesson containing Colorado Academic Standards, 4-H life skills, background information on the subject material, vocabulary lists, career connections, and more. Planning materials are also provided to build your own DIGS summer camp!

The DIGS curriculum is available now for FREE, in addition to a 3-part training session (11 a.m. on September 1st, 8th, and 15th) on how to teach the curriculum. Whether you are a 4-H Agent looking to build after-school programs or a homeschooling parent or classroom teacher looking for a cohesive lesson plan to teach Colorado agriculture, DIGS is your solution.

Access the DIGS Curriculum [here](#).

Sign up for the virtual DIGS Training Sessions [here](#).

## Looking for Bean Cuisine Citizen Scientists

Consider being a citizen scientist and collaborating with a Colorado State University research team to develop a Bean Cuisine! There are 45 citizen scientist spaces available and they will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.



As a citizen scientist, you will:

- Complete the intake [form](#). After you complete the intake form, we will contact you with more details.
- Complete the training by choosing to participate in at least one of the following:
  - a live Zoom session explaining the project with time for questions; and/or
  - watch a brief project debriefing video
- Be assigned 4 recipes and complete a brief feedback form on each of them. You will need to procure the ingredients for the recipes, although you can request a different recipe if it is not feasible for you to prepare what you were assigned, and you will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card and Colorado Proud beans.

## The Generational Divide Shows in Our Food System, Too

Gen Z households are struggling more to put food on the table compared to the households of Millennials, Gen X, and Boomers, according to additional analysis of the **Consumer Food Insights Report**.



The survey-based report from Purdue University's **Center for Food Demand Analysis and Sustainability** assesses food security and spending, consumer satisfaction and values, support of agricultural and food policies and trust in information sources.

In addition to the monthly survey, the team analyzed how responses differed between respondents of different age groups. They studied survey data from January to June of 2022 and divided respondents into the age groups of Gen Z (those born after 1996), Millennials (those born from 1981-1996), Gen X (those born from 1965-1980) and Boomers+ (those born before 1965). The results showed differences in food security, beliefs about their food and food system, shopping habits, policy support and their degree of trust in a variety of information sources.

For more information click [here](#).



## USDA Awards over \$70 Million in Grants, Increases Access to Local, Healthy Foods for Kids

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced it is awarding more than \$10 million in Farm to School Grants to 123 projects across the country. Additionally, for the first time, the department is empowering states with \$60 million in non-competitive grants to develop stronger, sustainable Farm to School programs over the next four years. Both actions will help more kids nationwide eat healthier foods.

Farm to School increases the amount of locally produced foods served through child nutrition programs, while also educating children about how their foods are harvested and made. Various child nutrition operators can participate in farm-to-school, from states and tribal nations to schools and community organizations.

Click [here](#) for more information.



## From Our Communities

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## Local Food Systems Online Professional Development Training

Are you an existing or aspiring local food system practitioner working for Extension, a local government, a community development organization, non-profit, or another organization with a local food system focus? After taking this training, you'll understand the structure and components of local food systems and learn how to leverage assets and resources at every stage of the supply chain, from farms through to consumers, to make food system change in your community.

Through a multi-disciplinary approach, you can develop skills for collaborating across disciplines to support local food system expansion.

### The Training Program includes the following courses:

1. Foundations in Local Food Systems Development, 15 hours (*prerequisite to Courses 2 and 3 below*): Price = \$250
2. Farm to Fork: Foundations in Local Food Supply & Value Chains, 10 hours: Price = \$200
3. The Bottom Line: Economic Realities and Other Opportunities in Local Food Systems, 10 hours: Price = \$200

Click [here](#) for more information.



## ABOUT FOOD SYSTEMS

at Colorado State University

Food systems are the connections between natural resources, the agricultural and food industries, and the buyers, consumers, and communities to which they contribute. Research, extension and education identify and inform opportunities to bridge how production, supply chains, and eaters respond to changing markets, policy, and the environment. At CSU, we focus on these key areas to train, influence, and communicate ways to connect food-related roles and foster healthy communities, economies, and individuals.



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