

FEBRUARY 15TH & 16TH



2ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Growing
ACRES

INSPIRING LOCAL FOODS & NICHE MARKETS IN THE REGION

OUR WHY: TO DEVELOP,
STRENGTHEN AND INSPIRE
A LOCAL FOOD CULTURE
THAT IMPROVES THE
OVERALL *WELLBEING OF
THE REGION.

*Physical, Mental,
Economic, Environmental,
Spiritual, Social

LOCATION: Riverland Community College
Austin Campus, West Building
1900 8th Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912

COST: \$20 (Admission for both days. \$15 Early Bird pricing available until 1/17/19)

REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE: [HTTP://BIT.LY/GROWINGACRES2019](http://bit.ly/growingacres2019)



Riverland Community College's Center for Agricultural and Food Science Technology is happy to announce that the 2nd Annual Growing Acres Conference is coming in February 2019! In 2018, the event hosted 12 speakers and 20 exhibitors who work in some way with growers and producers who own or are thinking of beginning a local foods or niche market business and provided a space for conversation on how to plan, implement and grow a healthy local food culture. 2019 will build upon that success and create engaging ways to network with others working in the agricultural and regional foods community.

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RIVERLAND COMMUNITY
COLLEGE'S CENTER FOR
AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD
SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY



DAY 1: DAY OF CONNECTIONS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

- Introduction to local foods and niche markets with a focus on our regional community.
- Compliance and business topics for growers, makers and service entrepreneurs.
- Success Stories and Conversations that relate to regional local foods and niche markets.
- Exhibitors, Resources and Try-It Host Tables
- Conversation Hub-community conversation and networking space



DAY 2: DIGGING DEEPER SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

- Focus on meeting the direct requirements (MN Rules and Regulations) for growers, farmers, bakers, makers and engaging those intrigued with starting a small business in our region.
- Conversations that relate to regional local foods and niche markets
- Conversation Hub-community conversation and networking space



LOCAL FOODS & NICHE MARKETS NETWORK ONLINE CONFERENCE DELIVERABLE

- During the event we'll be collecting information to create the Growing Acres Local Foods & Niche Markets Network, an online searchable database for customers and small business networking.



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