



UNH Conference Links Agriculture And Nutrition Nov. 7-9

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The fourth annual Soul of Agriculture Conference will present Healthy Farms, Healthy People: Making the Agriculture-Nutrition Link, Nov. 7-9, 2004, at the University of New Hampshire.

The conference convenes representatives from nutrition including dietitians, health educators, food service professionals, chefs and teachers, as well as agriculture and food representatives including farmers, distributors, Cooperative Extension professionals and others to explore how concerns for healthy nutrition and healthy agriculture can be integrated to establish common goals across farm, food and health communities.

The conference will feature keynote presentations by Ronald Jager, author of the recently published book, *The Fate of Family Farming: Variations on an American Idea*, and Wil Bullock, Kellogg Food and Society Policy Fellow and Food Enterprise and Outreach Associate at The Food Project in Massachusetts.

Panel sessions on Monday and Tuesday will explore themes including institutional purchasing, buy local campaigns, and the accessibility and affordability of local, sustainable foods, and will offer participants opportunities for education and discussion.

A plenary session on Monday will explore the role of the media in communicating about complex issues related to health and food, and a session on Tuesday will discuss the opportunities for biodiesel in agricultural production, as well as the potential health impacts.

The conference is sponsored by the UNH Office of Sustainability Programs' Food and Society Initiative, which seeks to create a sustainable food system at UNH and integrates the principles and practices of civic agriculture into our teaching, research, operations and engagement missions.

The conference is open to the public. The attendance fee, including all sessions and featured meals, is \$95. Day rates are also available. For more information, visit <http://www.sustainableunh.unh.edu> or contact 603-862-5040.