

Calendar of Events

April 30, 2026

Micro Course Info Session, "Marketing Farmers Markets"

This is a virtual event.

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

Looking for a quick, multi-media, professional development course packed with insights, ready-to-use materials, and more?

Come to this free information session to learn about "Marketing Farmers Markets," NAFSN's first micro-credential course.

Produced in partnership with the national Farmers Market Coalition and the University of Wisconsin, this course is specifically designed for community-based decision makers committed to helping their local farmers markets grow.

This information session is free to the public. The course is free to NAFSN members.

May 12, 2026

ACRE Information Session

This is a virtual event.

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Are you interested in becoming a trained food systems facilitator?

Or, are you looking for an affordable & practical professional development opportunity for your staff with lasting impact?

Join us for a free Information Session on ACRE.

AgriCluster Resilience and Expansion - or ACRE for short - is a professionally-facilitated strategic planning process to help groups of farmers, especially those in value-chains, work together and compete more effectively.

The ACRE Facilitator Training program provides instruction specifically designed for food and agriculture systems professionals to facilitate and guide the ACRE Process with farmers and other community stakeholders in the values-based development of more resilient food value chains.

In the ACRE Information Session, you'll learn about the training course, and the community of practice employing ACRE in their food/ag communities.

May 21, 2026

Micro Course Info Session, "Marketing Farmers Markets" - May 21

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03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

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June 10, 2026

CARAT Information Session

This is a virtual event.

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

The North American Food Systems Network has released CARAT as a free, open-access resource.

The Community & Agriculture Resilience Audit Tool (CARAT) helps community stakeholders assess how they currently utilize the assets of their local food system to achieve a substantial level of community resilience.

CARAT measures the resources within a food system via 101 indicators to determine possible next steps to increase community resiliency and food sovereignty.

To learn more, please consider attending one of our CARAT Informational Sessions.

June 23, 2026

ACRE Community of Practice Meeting

This is a virtual event.

02:00 PM - 07:00 PM EST

The ACRE Community of Practice meets quarterly to provide ACRE Facilitators with an opportunity to network and learn best practices from each other.

September 22, 2026

ACRE Community of Practice Meeting

This is a virtual event.

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December 15, 2026

ACRE Community of Practice Meeting

This is a virtual event.

02:00 PM - 07:00 PM EST

The ACRE Community of Practice meets quarterly to provide ACRE Facilitators with an opportunity to network and learn best practices from each other.

April 22, 2026

Finding Your Future in Food Systems - Special Episode for Hospitality Students - Wed Apr 22

This is a virtual event.

06:00 PM - 07:00 PM EST

Welcome to NAFSN, home of the "Finding Your Future in Food Systems" series.

In this special episode, featured speakers Allie Hines and Anne Garsztko of the World Wildlife Fund will share insights about the design and implementation of Hotel Kitchen, a comprehensive toolkit for addressing hospitality industry food waste. They will also talk about their own journeys into sustainability & food systems work.

This interactive, virtual event is free and open to all with interest in food waste solutions in the hospitality industry.

Wed, April 22, 2026, 6pm-7pm ET.

The North American Food Systems Network is a professional association for people working to strengthen their local and regional food systems. The Finding Your Future in Food Systems series helps emerging professionals navigate opportunities and next steps in their careers.

May 6, 2026

Finding Your Future in Food Systems, May 6 2026

This is a virtual event.

06:00 PM - 07:00 PM EST

Are you an emerging food systems professional? Are you in career transition, seeking a job in community food work?

This series is for you!

Finding Your Future in Food Systems provides participants with connections and insights to help them identify next steps for their careers.

The series includes speakers from a wide variety of sectors within the food systems profession: policy & advocacy, market development, food access initiatives, value chain development, education, and farming, both urban and rural.

The series features speakers from job-creating organizations, agencies, and businesses, some working locally in their communities, others with national and international scope. Produced by college students for college students and other emerging professionals.

Featured speakers for Wed May 6, 2026:

Rachel Brice of Land For Good

Tommy Bass of Montana State University Extension

Janel Hutchison of Food Finance Institute

This episode is sponsored by the Organic Career Network.

May 28, 2026

Conversations Among Consultants: May 28

This is a virtual event.

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

"Conversations Among Consultants" is a peer-led learning series for those listed in NAFSN's Community Food Systems Consultants Directory.

On May 28, the theme will be "How (and When) Do I Hire?"

The series is by invitation only and will not be recorded to encourage open dialogue and idea sharing.