# **Calendar of Events**

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July 22, 2025

### **ACRE Information Session**

This is a virtual event.

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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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.

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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.

August 6, 2025

## **NAFSN Leadership Circle Meeting 2025**

This is a virtual event.

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

Leadership Circle Meetings are open to all members of NAFSN throughout 2025. During the one-hour monthly meeting, NAFSN Leadership members review and discuss the organization's monthly leadership report. Led by Natalie Cruz, Co-Director of NAFSN, the group makes time at the beginning of each meeting for new members to briefly introduce themselves to the group.

August 25, 2025

### **CARAT Information Session**

This is a virtual event.

01:00 PM - 02:00 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.

September 3, 2025

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September 16, 2025

## **ACRE Community of Practice Meeting**

This is a virtual event.

02:00 PM - 03:00 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 23, 2025

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October 1, 2025

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October 27, 2025

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November 5, 2025

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November 18, 2025

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December 3, 2025

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December 16, 2025

### **ACRE Community of Practice Meeting**

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02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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December 22, 2025

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