

Calendar of Events

April 26, 2025

BOOK CLUB, Discussion Session, Spring 2025

This is a virtual event.

12:00 PM - 02:30 AM EST

We start our 2025 Book Club events with "The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability" by Dr. Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern.

Lin Diaz Maceo of NAFSN will host this event in three parts:

Fri, Mar 14, 11:30am-1pm ET - "Meet the Author," an interactive virtual event. Bring your questions!

Mar-Apr - Make time to read the book, cuddled up at home.

Sat, Apr 26, 12pm-2:30pm ET - "Discussion Session," a virtual event to share your thoughts on "The New American Farmer" with fellow readers.

Purchase the book here. What a great gift for yourself and for your colleagues!

Or, access a free version of the book here.

April 28, 2025

CARAT Information Session

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01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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May 7, 2025

NAFSN Leadership Circle Meeting 2025

This is a virtual event.

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

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May 13, 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.

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 14, 2025

Community Food Systems Consultants Gathering, May 14

This is a virtual event.

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

BRAINSTORMING SESSION FOR THE COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS CONSULTANTS DIRECTORY:

On Wed, May 14, 3pm-4pm ET, we will host a brainstorming session in which we will discuss and develop plans for continued promotion of the directory itself. Tierra Bartolotti, a member of our leadership circle and a food systems consultant working out of Florida, will coordinate the discussion. Please consider attending to share your ideas.

June 4, 2025

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June 17, 2025

ACRE Community of Practice Meeting

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02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

June 23, 2025

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July 2, 2025

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August 6, 2025

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August 25, 2025

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September 3, 2025

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October 1, 2025

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April 16, 2025

Finding Your Future in Food Systems

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06:00 PM - 07:00 PM EST

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Featured speakers for this session on Wed, Apr 16, 2025:

*Alondra Cano, Marbleseed
Maddie Kempner, NOFA-VT
Nora Miller, Farm Aid*

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Featured speakers for this session on Wed, Apr 23, 2025:

Hakeem Holmes, NCAT

Zainab Pixler, Cleveland Department of Public Health

Tiffany Bellfield El-Amin, Kentucky Black Farmers Association