

## Calendar of Events

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June 10, 2026

### **CARAT Information Session**

**This is a virtual event.**

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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*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.*

July 14, 2026

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02:00 PM - 03:00 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 12, 2026

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September 15, 2026

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September 17, 2026

### **Micro Course Info Session, "Marketing Farmers Markets"**

**This is a virtual event.**

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

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*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.*

October 6, 2026

### **Finding Your Future in Food Systems, Oct 6, 2026**

**This is a virtual event.**

06:00 PM - 07:00 PM EST

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*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 Tue Oct 6, 2026 will be announced soon.*

October 7, 2026

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November 10, 2026

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December 2, 2026

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December 8, 2026

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December 15, 2026

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August 25, 2026

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*Featured speakers for Tue Aug 25, 2026:*

*Julie Margolies, FRESHFARM*

*Shakira Miracle, SBCFAN*

*Jodee Smith, FarmWise Indiana*

September 8, 2026

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