

Calendar of Events

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August 25, 2025

CARAT Information Session

This is a virtual event.

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

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

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

ACRE Information Session

This is a virtual event.

01:00 PM - 02:00 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.

October 1, 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.

October 8, 2025

Finding Your Future in Food Systems, Oct 8, 2025

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 this session on Wed, October 8, 2025:

Michele Thorne, Good Meat Project (sustainable meats advocacy & farming)

Emily Reno, Mezclada (food systems podcasting & consulting)

Melissa Terry, University of Arkansas (food policy research)

October 27, 2025

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November 5, 2025

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Featured speakers for this session on Wed, Nov 5, 2025:

Gabriela Soriano, University of Puerto Rico Extension (farmer services)

Joe Childs, Crawford Stewardship Project (watershed protection & farming)

Sasha Palmer, Public Schools of Brookline MA (school food & nutrition)

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December 3, 2025

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Featured speakers for this session on Wed, Dec 3, 2025:

Audrey Kaul, FarmWise Indiana (value chain coordination)

Ariel Rivers, National Association of Conservation Districts (food systems & natural resource conservation)

Thomas Smith, KC Food Hub (food hub management)

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