



# KANE COUNTY

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## AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018

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County Board Room

Agenda

10:00 AM

Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes: March 22, 2018**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Partners**
  - A. Kane County Farm Bureau Updates (Steve Arnold, Manager)
  - B. Northern Illinois Food Bank Updates (Theresa Schryver, Communications Specialist)
  - C. Fox Valley Food For Health (Susan Leigh, Co-Founder & Executive Director)
5. **Presentations/Announcements**
  - A. National Good Food Network Conference Recap (Matt Tansley, Land Use Planner & Janice Hill, Executive Planner) (attached)
  - B. Farm to School Opportunities (Janice Hill, Executive Planner) (attached)
6. **New Business**
7. **Reports Placed On File**
8. **Executive Session (If Needed)**
9. **Adjournment**



# National Good Food Network Conference Recap

Albuquerque, New Mexico



Matt Tansley, Land Use Planner  
Janice Hill, Executive Planner  
Kane County Agriculture Committee  
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# The Agri-cultura Network and South Valley Economic Development Center

The Agri-cultura Network is a cooperative of 9 farms selling locally grown produce to restaurants, institutions and families.

The network has partnered with the South Valley Economic Development Center, which provides incubation services for food businesses











# Commercial kitchen and food business incubator





Cold & dry storage  
for producers  
and food  
entrepreneurs



# Agri-cultura Network



## Standards for farms that sell through the network

- ✓ Use of agricultural practices that are at a minimum organic
- ✓ Provide a living wage and safe work environment for all workers
- ✓ Practice community and environmental stewardship

# Agri-cultura Network Services

Incubation / Training Farm & Distribution Channels

## Participating farms can benefit from ...

- Access to Bernalillo County incubation farm / training program
- Sale of product through La Cosecha CSA program (sells nearly 400 CSA shares each year)
- Access to SVEDC storage and processing facilities
- Member farms benefit from group purchasing







Bernalillo County  
OPEN SPACE



## FOOD PRODUCTION IN PROGRESS

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Produce is grown by a  
local farming cooperative.

Please respect the time,  
labor and expense of the  
local growers by leaving  
the food where you find it.

**Thank you!**

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Board of County Commissioners











# Farm to Cafeteria Opportunities

Remaining Food to Market Catalyst funds will support Farm to School programming in coming months

- Illinois Farm to School Network event next month to connect area school food service managers with resources for buying local.
- Meet and greet with food hub operations team.
- Technical assistance for the JJC food service.

**ILLINOIS**  
**FARM TO SCHOOL**  
**NETWORK**

