



Register Today!

2016 NCCES Community and Economic Development Statewide Conference

May 25 12:30 pm - May 26 3:00 pm

Winston-Salem, NC



Plan to join your Extension colleagues this May in Winston-Salem to explore the growing connection between the local food movement and community and economic development in North Carolina.

We expect good turnout for this event. If you register by noon on May 2, your spot will be guaranteed. Registrations after May 2 will be accepted first-come, first-served. We are opening registration to external partners on May 2. **Register now for the overall conference and all of the specific workshops you will attend through [LMS](#).**

The 2-day conference will start with check-ins at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, May 25, at [Biotech Place](#) in downtown Winston-Salem's Innovation Quarter. There will be two workshop tracks that afternoon, starting at 1:00 pm, presented by NC State faculty and Extension specialists – one focused on community and economic development and the other on local foods – covering such topics as sustaining the momentum of a community-driven project, market channels, grower-buyer connections, and a new strategy on agritourism development. These workshops will be followed by a presentation by Dr. Rich Bonanno, the new Director of the NC Cooperative Extension Service, on agricultural policy. The afternoon will close with a reception featuring local foods in the Biotech Place Atrium. The day ends at 6:00 pm, allowing everyone time for dinner and exploration in Winston-Salem's fabulous downtown area.

The conference's second day, Thursday, May 26, will begin with check-ins at 8:30 am at [Forsyth County Extension Center](#), also in Winston-Salem. There will be two workshops that day – one from 9am to Noon that introduces the basics on how to assess the impacts of local food efforts in your community, and the second from 1pm – 3pm that guides participants through analysis and interpretation of data collection methods used in such assessments. Both workshops will be conducted by Dr. Becca Jablonski and Dr. Becky Hill of Colorado State University and Dave Swenson of Iowa State University, all primary contributors to USDA's [The Economics of Local Food Systems: A Toolkit to Guide Community Discussions, Assessments and Choices](#). The conference ends at 3 pm.

For a complete **agenda**, click [here](#).

Registration Fee + Travel Authorizations

There will be a \$50 registration fee for this 2-day workshop. The CRD program is covering the cost of registration for NC State and NC A&T employees who work with NCCE agents, as well as all NCCE employees. Your county or department will be billed when you register and will be reimbursed following your attendance. We will process this fee via IDS. If for any reason we are unable to initiate an IDS for you, Karla Frizzelle will be in touch with you directly about reimbursement options.

If you will be on travel status (traveling overnight requiring a TA), please include \$50 as the registration fee for the travel authorization. Also, include the following note in the comments section of your TA: *"Travel will be covered under project/phase 440452-10648. Please add Karla Frizzelle as an approver for this TA."*

Hotel

NC State CRD will also reimburse hotel costs for NCCE employees only for Wednesday, May 25, if such employee is attending both days of the conference and lives more than 35 miles from the conference location. We have not booked a block of rooms at any hotel, but when you book, ask for the State Rate, and be sure to bring some form of state identification with you when you check-in.

A list of local hotels and restaurants is provided for your information [here](#). The Downtown Marriott and Embassy Suites are within walking distance of the Wake Forest Biotech Place. **A public parking deck is located at 4th and Church Street**, across from the Biotech Place. Adequate parking exists at the Forsyth Extension Center on the second day.

Registration Process

All Extension personnel must register through [LMS](#). Search for "2016 Community and Economic Development Statewide Conference". Register for the overall conference and all specific workshops you will attend.