



# WASHINGTON COUNTY FOOD SUMMIT

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014

## Food Summit Goals:

1. *Make new connections among growers, retailers, processors*
2. *Identify key stakeholders in each community to work on specific actions*
3. *Organize a call to action on specific projects*

## *Agenda*

- 8:00-9:00**      **Registration and Refreshments**
- 9:00-9:05**      **Welcome to the Summit!** – Judy East, Washington County Council of Governments
- 9:05-9:50**      **Keynote Speaker** – John Piotti, Maine Farmland Trust  
*Trends in Farming and MFT's work in Washington County*
- 10:00-12:00**    **Concurrent Morning Sessions**
- 1) *Attracting and Supporting Farmers in Washington County*  
John Jemison, Jr., Professor, University of Maine Cooperative Extension  
Tricia Rouleau, Maine Farmland Trust  
Sam Cheeney, Salty Dog Farm
- 2) *Strengthening Access to Good Food*  
Wendy Harrington, Maine Sea Coast Mission  
Erin Sweeney, Food And Medicine  
Vera Francis, Passamaquoddy Tribal Planner
- 12:00-1:30**    **Local Food Lunch and Information Update**  
*Maine Food Systems Data – Maps and the Data Behind Them*  
Lisa Ravis, Laura Teisel, and Tora Johnson from the University of Maine Machias' GIS Lab will present the latest innovations in data and mapping
- 12:45-1:30**    **Individual Farm Business Counseling Sessions**  
*45-minute sessions - pre-registration required!*
- 1:30-3:30**      **Plenary Session for All Participants**  
*Innovative Ideas for the Processing, Storage and Distribution of Food*  
Cheryl Wixson, MOFGA and Cheryl Wixson's Kitchen  
Will Hopkins, Cobscook Bay Resource Center  
Amber Lambke, Somerset Grist Mill  
Marada Cook, Crown O'Maine Organic Cooperative
- 3:30-4:00**      **Call to Action - Where Do We Go from Here?** – Taylor Weiss, Facilitator  
*Capturing your ideas for next steps – who, what, when, and with what resources?*

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