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Attention Delaware Ag Producers: Farm to School Summit announced

Delaware agriculture producers who are interested in selling to schools are invited to participate in a Farm to School Summit at the Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village on March 24, 2011 from 9 AM to 11 AM. The summit is open to all producers. Please RSVP to: Lisa Falconetti – (800) 282-8685 (DE only) or 698-4554 or lisa.falconetti@state.de.us.

Agenda

- 9:00 -10:00 AM: Networking with Nutrition Supervisors from Delaware School Districts
- 10:00 -10:15 AM: Produce Food Safety – Dr. Kaye Wachsmuth, Administrator, DDA Food Products Inspection
- 10:15-10:30 AM: Guest Appearance – Governor Jack Markell
- 10:30-10:45 AM: How to Sell to Schools – Paula Angelucci, Colonial School District
- 10:45-11:00 AM: Selling to Schools, a Grower's Perspective, Curt Fifer, Fifer Orchards

"I'm excited about the progress made with the Farm to School program last year, and I'm looking forward to seeing opportunities grow alongside the fresh fruits and vegetables produced by our local farmers," said Governor Markell. "This is one of those win-wins we are always striving for: creating business opportunities for our farm community while making it easier for kids in our schools to access locally grown and healthy foods."

Ed Kee, Secretary of Agriculture urges all producers to attend. He said, "Producers who are already selling to schools can share their experience and knowledge with those just getting started while helping the schools better facilitate the process. Newcomers will gain invaluable information on the processes involved in selling to our schools. The Farm to School program is a vital part of DDA's goal to sustain and improve the profitability of Delaware agriculture which provides thousands of jobs in Delaware and the region.'

The Delaware Farm to School Program is an outgrowth of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed on March 5, 2010 by the secretaries of Agriculture, Education, and Health & Social Services in Delaware to promote Healthy Eating and Nutrition awareness in Delaware. The MOA created an Advisory Board with representatives from the Nemours, the farming community, the food processing sector, Federal Food Commodities Program, the State, as well as food and nutrition extension personnel, master gardener extension personnel, nutrition supervisors, and parents of school-aged children.

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