

October 25, 2012
Agenda

8:30 AM **Registration**

9:00 AM **Planning Your Small-Scale Farming Operation**

Planning and budgeting are very important when beginning any operation. We'll cover both topics in this interactive program. You'll have a chance to discuss your own opportunities and ideas.

Dr. Greg Clary, Professor and Extension Economist—Management

12:00 PM **Lunch**

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12:30 PM **Planning Your Small-Scale Farming Operation, cont.**

Dr. Greg Clary, Professor and Extension Economist—Management

2:30 PM **Adjourn for Tour**

3:00 PM **Presentation and Field Tour at Green Gate Farms**

Our day will conclude with a tour of certified organic Green Gate Farms. With Erin Flynn, we will learn how urban farms can serve as valuable community resources and gathering places. She will speak about the importance of community engagement in urban farming; the role of public communications; and the possibility for creative, community-centered income streams.

Erin Flynn, Co-Founder and Co-Owner, Green Gate Farms, Austin, TX

5:00 PM **Wrap-Up and Evaluation**

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- 8:30 AM **Registration**
- 9:00 AM **Vegetable Production From Start to Finish**
There are lots of great vegetable choices that do well in Central Texas; we'll cover what you need to know for production.
Dr. Juan Anciso, Associate Professor and Extension Vegetable Specialist
- 11:15 AM **Recommended Fruit Crops for Central Texas**
Are you interested in which peach cultivars perform best in our area? We'll tell you, and we'll also discuss other possible fruit crops that you might consider.
Dr. Larry Stein, Professor, Extension Fruit Specialist and Associate Department Head
- 12:30 PM **Lunch**
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- 1:00 PM **Insect and Disease Management in Organic Systems**
Managing pests without chemical pesticides can be challenging, but going "organic" may be the best route for you. We'll give you some non-chemical alternatives for managing pests.
Dr. Juan Anciso, Associate Professor and Extension Vegetable Specialist
- 3:30 PM **Permaculture Basics**
Permaculture addresses a whole-system approach to living. Self-sustainability, placement of each element in the landscape, minimizing waste, and maximizing synergy are all very important concepts in permaculture design. We'll give you an overview and some great resources.
Emil Atanasov, Master Gardener
- 4:30 PM **Wrap-Up and Evaluation**
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- 8:30 AM **Registration**
- 8:50 AM **Welcome by Commissioner Huber - How County Government Supports the Local Food System**
Travis County Commissioner Karen Huber, Precinct Three
- 9:05 AM **What the USDA-NRCS Has to Offer**
Jeremy Hasty, Resource Conservationist, USDA-NRCS Austin Field Office
- 10:00 AM **Introduction to Programs and Resources at the USDA-FSA**
Tommy Miertschin, USDA-FSA
- 10:30 AM **Agriculture Exemptions**
Julie Ansley, County Extension Agent—Agriculture and Natural Resources, Travis County
- 11:00 AM **Farming in the City: Growing the Local Food System through a Municipal Platform.**
Jake Stewart, Program Manager, City of Austin Sustainable Urban Agriculture and Community Garden Program
- 12:00 PM **Lunch**
Sourced from local farmers.
- 1:00 PM **Web Soil Survey**
The Natural Resource Conservation Service's Web Soil Survey online site provides soil data and information produced by the National Cooperative Soil Survey. The site provides access to the largest natural resource information system in the world. We'll show you how to use it to get a detailed soil survey of your "area of interest."
Shanna Dunn, Research Soil Scientist, USDA-NRCS
- 2:00 PM **Organic Certification**
Daphne Richards, County Extension Agent—Horticulture, Travis County
- 2:15 PM **Grant Writing**
Lindsay Razzaz, Horticulture Program Assistant, Travis County Extension
- 3:00 PM **USDA Farm Service Agency Loan Programs**
Terri Trevino, Farm Loan Manager
- 3:40 PM **Representative Eddie Rodriguez presenting the Farm to Table Caucus**
Rep. Rodriguez, Texas House of Representatives: District 51, Founder of the bipartisan Farm to Table Caucus



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3:55 PM **Farmers Markets and other Farm-Direct Sales**
Suzanne Santos, Market Director, Sustainable Food Center

4:45 PM **Wrap-Up and Evaluation**

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