Sustainable Agriculture Symposium

2014

“Finding solutions for agriculture, large and small”

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## Agenda

### Welcome Reception Registration
- **Time:** 7:30am - 8:00am
- **Event:** Welcome Reception Registration
- **Description:** Participants will be invited to enjoy coffee and juice with light refreshments.

### Symposium Kickoff (Brandt Auditorium)
- **Time:** 8:10am - 8:30am
- **Event:** Symposium Kickoff (Brandt Auditorium)
- **Description:** Pete Pearson will do an introduction to sustainable agriculture topics and our agenda for the day.

### Featured Keynote #1: Gabe Brown (Brandt Auditorium)
- **Time:** 8:30am - 10:00am
- **Event:** Featured Keynote #1: Gabe Brown (Brandt Auditorium)
- **Description:** Gabe Brown, along with his wife Shelly, and son Paul, own and operate a diversified 5,000 acre farm and ranch near Bismarck, ND. The Browns holistically integrate their grazing and no-till cropping system, which includes a wide variety of cash crops along with multi-species cover crops along with all natural grass fed beef, poultry and sheep. This diversity and integration has regenerated the natural resources on the ranch without the use of synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and fungicides. Gabe will give details on his farm operations and will lead an interactive session with the audience.

### Networking Break
- **Time:** 10:00am - 10:30am
- **Event:** Networking Break
- **Description:** EXPO AVAILABLE

### Concurrent Interactive Workshops
- **Time:** 10:30am - 11:30am
- **Event:** Concurrent Interactive Workshops
- **Description:**
  - Participants pick one session
  - Featured breakouts will be held in the Brandt Auditorium

### LUNCH
- **Time:** 11:30am - 12:45am
- **Event:** LUNCH
- **Description:** EXPO AVAILABLE Locally Catered Lunch

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## Featured Keynotes:

### Carlos Saviani: Dairy in the 21st Century (Brandt Auditorium)
- **Time:** 12:45pm - 2:00pm
- **Event:** Carlos Saviani: Dairy in the 21st Century (Brandt Auditorium)
- **Description:**
  - Introduction by Rick Naerembout, Idaho Dairymen’s Association.
  - Carlos Saviani, VP of Animal Protein for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), will discuss opportunities for sustainable dairy farming. Our lives are increasingly dependent on the use of technology. Technology offers solutions for sustainable agriculture as supports us with precise measurements and identification of improvement opportunities so that we are able to produce more food on the same amount of land, with fewer impacts on the environment.

### Break
- **Time:** 2:00pm - 2:30pm
- **Event:** Break
- **Description:** EXPO AVAILABLE

### Featured Breakout: Understanding the Soil Ecosystem – Marilyn Winger of the NRCS will return to give his lively presentation on the soil ecosystem. Participants will be introduced to no-till techniques and soil structure basics.

### Room #1: Bridging the Culture Gap – Sean Mallett of Nature's Harmony Organic Dairy will explore a perceived rift between Big and Small agriculture and find common ground for the future of agriculture.

### Room #2: Seed Saving 101 – Carrie Jones of the Snake River Seed Cooperative Project will teach Seed Saving 101 and will teach best practices on seed production for farmers.

### Room #3: Organic Agriculture Secrets for Backyard Micro-farms – Local University of Idaho Extension educator Ariel Agnew will teach extension techniques for gardeners and small farms.

### Room #4: Bees and Pollinators – Don Huber will present findings from ongoing research on the importance of bees and pollinators using data from the Center for Honey Bee Research.

### Room #5: Connecting Idaho’s Wild Landscapes with Manhattan City Dwellers – Glenn and Caryl Elzinga have been raising grass fed beef for 20 years, and their grass fed steaks have been featured on Forbes A-list and the Wall Street Journal. They will describe how they manage their ranch and a 70 square mile BLM/SFS permit organically and how they connect Idaho’s wild mountains country with discerning patrons.

### Laurel Sayer – Idaho Coalition of Land Trusts (Brandt Auditorium)
- **Time:** 3:40pm - 4:00pm
- **Event:** Laurel Sayer – Idaho Coalition of Land Trusts (Brandt Auditorium)
- **Description:** Laurel Sayer will give a short talk on the reality of land trusts in Idaho and discuss myths about how they are created and function over time. The Idaho Coalition of Land Trusts is a nonprofit association of 20 plus land trusts in Idaho. Land trusts work with private land owners to maintain working farms, forests, and ranches; preserve water quality; protect wildlife habitat; conserve natural areas and retain values that make Idaho a wonderful place to live, work and recreate.

### Featured Keynote #2: Joel Salatin (Brandt Auditorium)
- **Time:** 4:00pm - 5:30pm
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- **Description:**
  - Introduction by Shannon McGuire, Marketing Director Boise Co-op.
  - Joel Salatin is a full-time farmer in Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley. A third generation alternative farmer, he returned to the farm full-time in 1982 and continued refining and adding to his parent’s ideas. The family’s farm, Polyface Inc. (the farm of many faces) has been featured in SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, GOURMET and countless other radio, television, and print media. Profiled on the “Lives of the 21st Century” series with Peter Jennings on ABC World News, his after-broadcast chat room fielded more hits than any other segment to date. Joel will discuss his definition of “alternative agriculture” and how his experience methods can help shape the future of farming in Idaho.

### Networking Reception
- **Time:** 5:30pm
- **Event:** Networking Reception
- **Description:** Local Beer / Wine Networking Reception