

Session Name:

Town Hall Forum with Betti Wiggins

Session Type: Q&A

Date: 04 Mar 2016 08:00AM – 10 Mar 2016 05:00PM

Users	Questions	Total Votes
148	49	378

Anonymous • 04 Mar 09:29AM

Votes: 26

Do you garden year-round? How do you balance the growing season with the school year and what do you feed 'em in the winter?

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Answered

Comments (1)

Anonymous • 0 upvotes • 0 downvotes

Also how do you implement the addition of after school programming into your gardening?

Anonymous • 04 Mar 09:31AM

Votes: 26

You mentioned a large middle-eastern population as well as a diverse community in general. What efforts do you make to engage all in the program and serve healthy, culturally-relevant meals?

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Answered

(Facebook) Kaytee • 04 Mar 09:35AM

Votes: 25

Are the lessons you developed available for others to use?

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Answered

Anonymous • 04 Mar 09:41AM

Votes: 24

Do you have a lot of food waste and how do you handle it?

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Answered

(Custom) Dave Berger • 04 Mar 09:37AM

Votes: 23

How can I convince our school board to incorporate our schoolyard garden produce into school meals?

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Answered

Comments (1)

Anonymous • 0 upvotes • 0 downvotes

Come to the garden to cafeteria presentation at noon!

Anonymous • 04 Mar 09:30AM

Votes: 22

How is your effort funded?

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Answered

Anonymous • 04 Mar 09:55AM

Votes: 22

Does the MN Extension office work with a Junior Master Gardener Program, or offer similar resources?

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Answered

Comments (2)

Anonymous • 0 upvotes • 0 downvotes

Yes. Many Master Gardeners in Minnesota are very familiar with the Junior Master Gardeners program. The curriculum is great.

(Custom) MG State Office Team • 0 upvotes • 0 downvotes

Yes, contact your local Master Gardener county coordinator to find more information on school-based projects and the Jr. Master Gardener Program.

Anonymous • 04 Mar 09:54AM

Votes: 18

Tell us more about the liability of just taking soil samples. My community is mixed industrial/Ag land-- we want test the soil. I never thought about the liability of knowing.

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Answered

Anonymous • 04 Mar 09:23AM

Votes: 17

Can you define clean label foods?

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Answered

Comments (1)

(Custom) Barb Mechura • 0 upvotes • 0 downvotes

"Clean label foods" means that the ingredient list reads as food in their most natural state- as opposed to highly processed with ingredients that we don't recognize. Also means foods grown with chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Anonymous • 04 Mar 09:45AM

Votes: 16

Approximately how much money has Drew Farms saved your district?

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Answered

Comments (1)

Anonymous • 0 upvotes • 0 downvotes

Approximately how much has this project cost (as in if one was writing a grant how much should they aim for)?

Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:14AM

Votes: 15

How do you involve the students during the school day, is it part of the a class or how is it implemented?

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Answered

(Custom) Judy Voigt • 04 Mar 10:16AM

Votes: 13

The person in our school district refuses to even consider food from gardens because the kitchen are not up to code to handle fresh veggies and the cost is too much to bring them up to code. Ideas?

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Answered

Comments (1)

Anonymous • 0 upvotes • 0 downvotes

The food is outsourced. Do not want to hire people to prep the veggies

(Custom) Molly • 04 Mar 10:13AM

Votes: 12

I serve with FoodCorps in Northeast Iowa. My school district and community are so supportive of my service; however, my food service director is not (yet :)!) How do we win him over?

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Answered

Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:32AM

Votes: 11

Do you ever compost your food waste?

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Answered

Anonymous • 04 Mar 09:25AM

Votes: 10

Do you have schoolyard garden programs that are not produce based? Programs that are research based rather than agriculture?

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 09:33AM

Votes: 10

Have you linked your program with 4H or other such community programs?

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Comments (1)

Anonymous • 0 upvotes • 0 downvotes

You mentioned that you did this, but how did you make the connection?

(Linkedin) Joe • 04 Mar 09:20AM

Votes: 8

How do you keep kids excited and interested in a full and nutritious meal? how do you create a garden program for a small school district (1400 kids), while keeping it fiscally viable?

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Comments (1)

(Custom) Carla D • 0 upvotes • 0 downvotes

from my experience, the food speaks for itself. kids love eating tasty food and love feeling proud to play a role in growing and preparing the food. there truly is something magical about the power of gardening and eating good fresh food together. I can't speak to the second part of your question.

Anonymous • 04 Mar 09:27AM

How do you pay for your schoolyard gardens?

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(Custom) Barb Mechura • 04 Mar 09:33AM

Who pays for the garden attendants?

Votes: 8

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(Custom) Greg Herder • 04 Mar 09:13AM

Thanks for what you're doing for Detroit and MI. I'm a MI native and MI desperately needs leadership like yours.

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:35AM

Have you partnered with Extension to teach kids/families any processing techniques like canning? ie- to help them extend usefulness of home gardens.

Votes: 6

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(Custom) Barb Mechura • 04 Mar 09:34AM

What are the 3 ingredients of the stoplight salad?

Votes: 5

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Comments (1)

Anonymous • 0 upvotes • 0 downvotes

Tomato, yellow squash, zucchini

Anonymous • 04 Mar 09:49AM

Is there anyway that you can use the summer garden produce as part of the summer feeding programs or CACFP programs?

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:31AM

Votes: 5

We saw hoop houses and raised garden beds. What your experience with vertical gardens? In your opinion, what is the best?

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Comments (1)

Anonymous • 0 upvotes • 0 downvotes

Stop by the Bluff Creek garden table in the exhibit hall to learn more about Green Wall, a nonprofit working with schools.

(Custom) Anna Barker • 04 Mar 10:40AM

Votes: 5

Your Legacy... ? What changes need to be institutionalized for Food Service Directors to "be like Betti?"

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:33AM

Votes: 4

How do teachers manage their classes when in the garden? Are there "outdoor classrooms"?

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:31AM

Votes: 3

Do you use food to hogs or industrial composting to deal with food waste?

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:37AM

Votes: 3

I have great memories of the lunch ladies from my formative years. Do your lunch ladies and gentlemen educate or inform their students of the healthy food they are eating?

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:45AM

Votes: 3

Tell us about the art of getting reluctant school cooks to change their perspective & practice. How do we get folks to abandon cookie sheets of French fries and replace them with raw veggies?

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Answered

(Custom) Barb Mechura • 04 Mar 10:00AM

Votes: 2

I think it's great that you are able to use school nutrition funds, but not all school lunch programs can do this. We need Districts to invest in these efforts - just like they purchase classroom books

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(Custom) Bluff Creek Elementary • 04 Mar 10:29AM

Votes: 2

Can schools which do not have a high percentage of free and reduced lunches take advantage of Child Nutrition funding?

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:30AM

Votes: 2

How did you get Funding for Garden Assistants? Would it be possible to replicate this model in Minneapolis Schools?

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:32AM

Votes: 2

How many high school biology teachers have garden based curricula?

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 09:24AM

Votes: 1

How do you define "gmo" foods? Specifically in the context of corn

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Comments (5)

(Custom) Carla D • 1 upvote • 0 downvotes

GMO stands for Genetically Modified Organism. Many types of corn have been modified genetically to resist pests or perform better with certain chemical pesticides and herbicides. GMO monoculture crop agriculture is a contributor to the decline of soil quality and biodiversity.

Anonymous • 2 upvotes • 2 downvotes

GMO monoculture may contribute to decline of soil quality -- but without these it would be close to impossible to feed a hungry ever-growing population. Also how is cross breeding between wild and domesticated strains of plants any different than what happens in natural environments?

(Custom) Carla D • 2 upvotes • 0 downvotes

This might be a debate for another conference. the US destroys tons and tons of edible food commodities every year. growing enough food is not the problem for us. GMO technology is unnecessary, policy change regarding commodities and subsidies is necessary.

(Custom) David • 2 upvotes • 0 downvotes

GMO is NOT the answer to feed a growing populations. Check out the UN report that determined the most reliable way in feeding a growing population is by small farmers. On my organic farm we produce more food than any industrial farm could ever. Get over the GMO mythe

(Custom) Carla D • 0 upvotes • 0 downvotes

'how is GMO different from nature?' as an example: How is human sexual intercourse different from in vitro surrogacy or cloning? there is a difference.

Anonymous • 04 Mar 09:33AM

Votes: 1

How much school food do you think that local food through farm to school or school garden programs can provide to meet the overall school needs of schools?

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(Custom) Barb Mechura • 04 Mar 09:41AM

Votes: 1

What do you mean "that's how I get my Food Corps money?" I thought that was already funded...?

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:10AM

Votes: 1

Meaning of Clean label?

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:33AM

Votes: 1

Are there any grants available to help schools pay for their schoolyard gardens?

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:37AM

Votes: 1

Where do you get the meat you serve?

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:41AM

Votes: 1

Did you get PTOs involved in these efforts?

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(Custom) Chris Tower • 04 Mar 10:50AM

Votes: 1

Do Detroit Schools partner with small local farms?

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:50AM

Votes: 1

How do you incorporate these lessons in classes with already full curricula? At what "cost" do these lessons come? What lessons get cut out?

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:54AM

Votes: 1

Do you have statistics on the rise of test scores or the decrease in unfavorable behavior since the food changed?

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Answered

Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:57AM

The lunch trays in the video appeared to be throw away trays. If that is so why not use reusable trays?

Votes: 1

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 09:20AM

What's in the "Stop Light Salad"?

Votes: 0

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Comments (1)

Anonymous • 0 upvotes • 0 downvotes

zucchini, yellow squash and cherry tomato

Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:29AM

what is the hashtag for twitter again?!

Votes: 0

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Comments (1)

(Custom) Carla D • 0 upvotes • 0 downvotes

#MNSchoolGardens

(Custom) Greg Herder • 04 Mar 10:49AM

Is that soil testing publication mandate a state or federal measure?

Votes: 0

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 10:56AM

How do you make this great work happen in rural communities where there is no urban infrastructure?

Votes: 0

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Anonymous • 04 Mar 11:02AM

You said all of your information is public and can be found on your website, what is your website and can we find your lesson plans there?

Votes: 0

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