



Tuesday, February 16, 2010 Morris Site Afternoon Program--Farm to Cafeteria
 U of M West Central Research & Outreach Center, Morris, MN (map)

Description: K-12 schools and higher education campuses, hospitals and other institutional food services are seeking more locally grown foods, but supply can't keep up with demand. Food service providers, regulators and farmers will meet face-to-face to explore the opportunities and challenges of growing foods for institutions. Breakout sessions will follow panel discussion.

12:30 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch, Overview of the afternoon, and Introduction of participants at tables sharing “why they are here”

1:15 – 2:15 p.m. **Farm to Cafeteria: So how hard is it?** To get food from our local farms to the dinner plates of our region’s institutions?

Hosted by *Mary Jo Forbord of UMM Healthy Eating Initiative*

Guest practitioners and experts:

Food Producing Farmers/Markets –*Dave Swenson of Swenson Orchard, Pete Thorfinnson of Kadejan Market*

Schools/institutions food service – *Kate Newland with Sodexo, Annette Derouin of Willmar Public School*

Regulations/food safety – *Michele Schermann of UM-TC*

2:15 – 3:30 p.m. **Breakout sessions**

Beginning Farming and Campus Gardens – *Courtney Tchida of UM-TC Organic Garden, Nick Olson of LSP Farm Beginnings, Nathan Winter, McLeod / Meeker County Extension*

Farm to School – *Lynn Mader of IATP Farm to School Program, Annette Derouin of Willmar Schools*

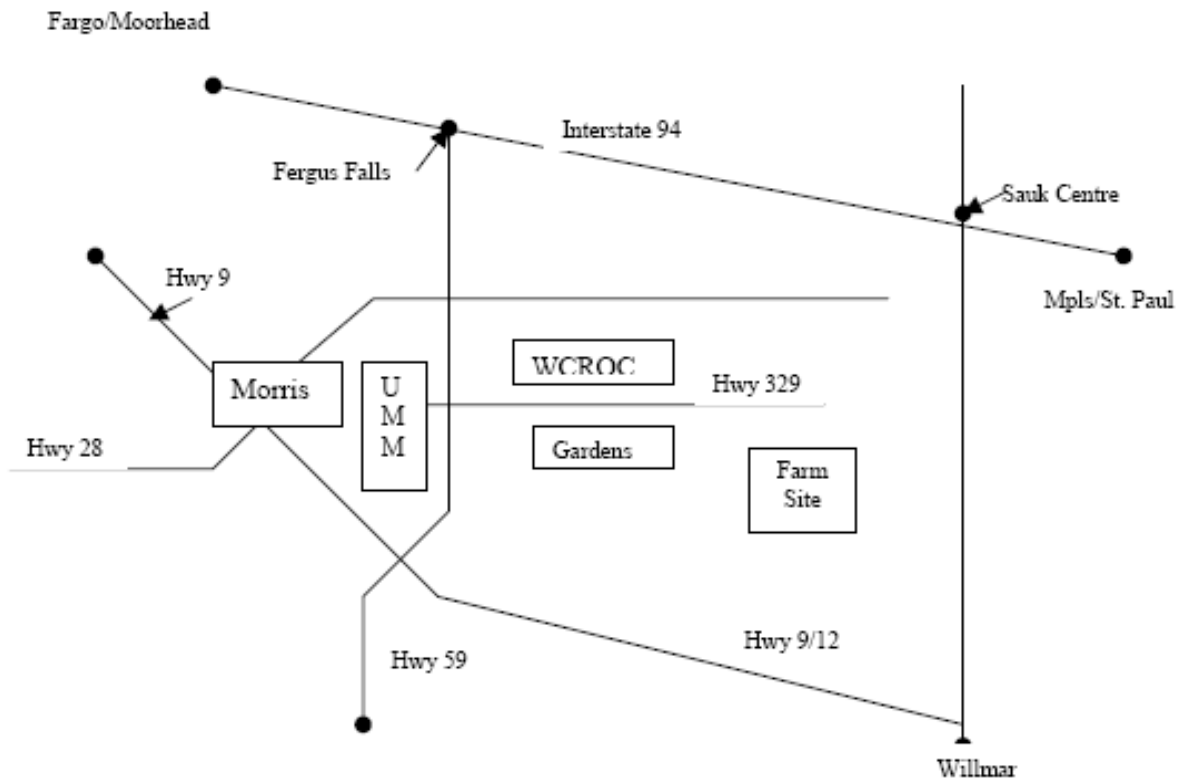
Selling to Institutions – *Michele Schermann of UM-TC*

3:30 **Reconnect via Interactive Video for Wrap-Up**
 (Comments from Colleen Landkammer, USDA Rural Development State Director)

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

4 to 5 p.m. **Minnesota Wines and Cheese Reception**—*hosted by Wine Growers of the Upper Minnesota River Valley*

Directions to West Central Research and Outreach Center (WCROC)



North, from the Fargo/Moorhead area:

Take Interstate 94 east to Fergus Falls. Take exit #61 for Highway 59 - Elbow Lake. Turn right and follow Hwy. 59 south to Morris. From Hwy. 59, watch for a large sign indicating University of Minnesota (right) and West Central Research and Outreach Center (left). Go left and look for the administration building (see picture above). Approximate driving time: 2 hours.

South, from Sioux Falls area:

Take Interstate 29 north to Highway 12 (exit #207) to Milbank, SD. Follow Hwy. 12 to the intersection of Highway 59. Take Highway 59 north (left) to Morris. From Hwy. 59, watch for a large sign indicating University of Minnesota (left) and West Central Research and Outreach Center (right). Go left and look for the administration building (see picture above). Approximate driving time: 3 hours.

East, from Minneapolis/St. Paul:

Take Interstate 94 west to Sauk Center (exit #127). Turn left onto Highway 71. Immediately after the truck stop, turn west (right) onto Highway 28. Watch closely for this turn! Continue west on Highway 28 to Morris. Go South on Hwy. 59. From Hwy. 59, watch for a large sign indicating University of Minnesota (right) and West Central Research and Outreach Center (left). Go left and look for the administration building (see picture above). Approximate driving time: 3 hours.