



SMALL FARM SUMMIT 2012

Announcing The 2012 Small Farm Summit to be held on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at Hofstra University from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

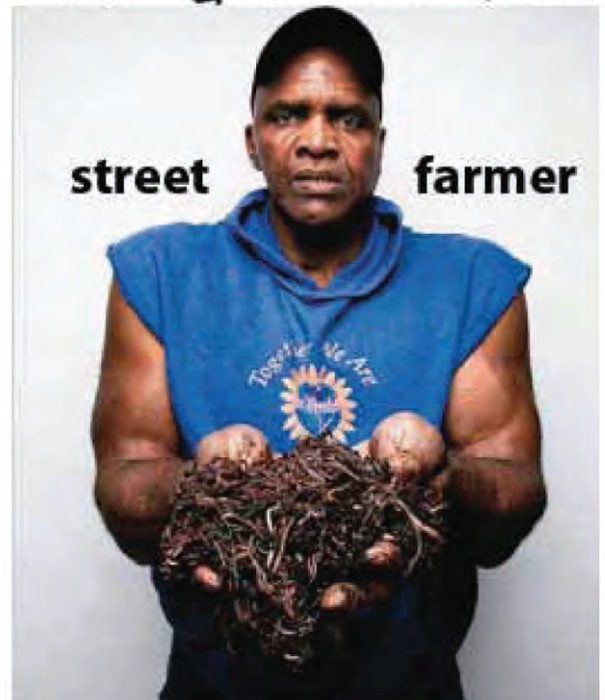
Sold out in advance, the first Small Farm Summit held in April 2011 at SUNY College Old Westbury was attended by more than 600 people interested in locally sustainable agriculture on Long Island.

The 2012 Summit is expected to bring together an even larger, more diverse group of educators, farmers, parents, children, municipalities, land trusts, not-for-profits, community leaders, restaurant owners and chefs, and concerned citizens focused on strengthening the local food system and increasing community awareness of and access to more locally grown food.

Chef Ann Cooper, the Renegade Lunch Lady, and Will Allen of Growing Power will be the keynote speakers for the 2012 Summit.

Will Allen, a former professional basketball player, is the founding CEO of Growing Power, a national nonprofit organization and land trust that supports people from diverse backgrounds, and the environments in which they live, by helping to provide equal access to healthy, high-quality, safe and affordable food. Growing Power has initiated highly successful hands-on training, outreach and technical assistance for a number of successful inner-city/suburban food programs in Milwaukee, Chicago and other under-served communities throughout the country. Mr. Allen has been featured in Time Magazine, The New York Times, Chicago Tribune and many others for his great work in helping people grow, process, market and distribute food in a sustainable manner.

The New York Times Magazine



Chef Ann Cooper is a celebrated author, chef, educator, and enduring advocate for better food for all children. In our nation where children are born with shorter estimated life expectancies than their parents because of diet-related illness, Ann is a relentless voice of reform by focusing on the links between food, family, farming and children's health and wellness.

She has been featured in The New Yorker, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The San Francisco Chronicle, The Chicago Tribune, Newsweek, and Time Magazine and has appeared on NPR's 'Living on Earth,' ABC's Nightline, CNN, PBS' To The Contrary and the CBS Morning Show and many other media outlets. Ann is the author of four books: Lunch Lessons: Changing the Way We Feed Our Children (2006), In Mother's Kitchen: Celebrated Women Chefs Share Beloved Family Recipes (2005), Bitter Harvest: A Chef's Perspective on the Hidden Dangers in the Foods We Eat and What You Can do About It (2000) and A Woman's Place is in the Kitchen: The Evolution of Women Chefs (1998).

There is no doubt that Ann is an accomplished chef. However, her focus is now on using her skills and background to create a sustainable model for schools nationwide to transition any processed food based K-12 school meal program to a whole foods environment where food is procured regionally and prepared from scratch.

In addition to two terrific keynote speakers, the 2012 Small Farm Summit will be filled with educational workshops, interesting exhibits, fun entertainment and a community of folks interested in growing, eating and supporting a vibrant local agricultural community.

For more updates and additional information please check out www.smallfarmsummit.com



**If you'd like to get involved in planning for the Summit,
please join us on the following dates at 9:30 a.m.:**

Tuesday	December 13, 2011	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Tuesday	January 17, 2012	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Tuesday	February 7, 2012	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Tuesday	March 20, 2012	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Tuesday	April 10, 2012	Old Bethpage Village Restoration