

Food and Ag Related Announcements

Upcoming Events

February 5th (Washington, D.C.): The Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) holds **Foster Our Future – cultivate.discover.grow** to showcase innovative science and thinking to support food and agriculture challenges. Former Vice President Al Gore was recently announced as a featured keynote speaker and is likely to talk about how agriculture can help to mitigate the impacts of climate change. More information and registration (for fee) is at <https://foundationfar.org/>

February 14th: Applications are due for the CBPC's [Applied Research Competition](#). An informational webinar will be held on February 7th.

February 17th (Metro DC): **For farmers, chefs, and other local food buyers – Arcadia's Farmer Chef Speed-Sourcing is back.** An RSVP is required to match farmers and chefs at this casual networking event. More information can be found on Alexandria-based Arcadia's website: www.arcadiafood.org

February 29th (D.C.): **Rooting DC**, the District's FREE, all-day urban gardening forum is back. [Registration](#) is open! There are a lot of great sessions to choose from again this year.

Please look for the session COG's Regional Food Systems Value Chain Coordinator, Lindsay Smith, submitted "Urban Agriculture Around the Beltway: New Opportunities from DC's Neighbors. Join Lindsay and presenters Laura Baker, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development, Community Revitalization Section; Kim Rush Lynch, Prince George's Soil Conservation District; Michelle Nelson, Montgomery County Parks Department.

March 1st to 3rd (Washington, D.C.): The **annual National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference** is back with updates on federal nutrition policies, and a range of other food security issues of concern. It is sponsored by Feeding America and the Food Research Action Center. MD and DC Hunger Solutions, along with other advocates and emergency food providers from our region attend this important conference. Link: <https://www.antihungerpolicyconference.org/>