

PROGRAM AND ABSTRACTS

Visualizing Food and Farm

2005 Joint Meetings

**Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society (AFHVS)
Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS)**

**Thursday, June 9 through Sunday June 12, 2005
The Benson in Portland, Oregon, USA**

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The Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society (AFHVS) links scholars, professionals, and practitioners who work in food-system-related areas that include agricultural production, rural studies, food, public policy, and the humanities. AFHVS promotes interdisciplinary research and scholarship and provides a venue for both exploring alternative visions of food, agriculture, and community systems and examining the values that underlie these visions. The society fosters engagement with public issues such as those relating to food policies, agricultural production systems, and food security.

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The Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS) is a multidisciplinary international organization dedicated to exploring the complex relationships among food, culture, and society. Its members study aspects of food from numerous disciplines in the humanities, social sciences, and other sciences, participate in the world of food beyond the academy, or both. ASFS promotes discussions about food that cross traditional boundaries through connecting members who bring to the table a wide range of theoretical and practical approaches.

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for non-payment of the annual dues. The ingrained social customs were less fluid than the zeitgeist, and optimism retreated, leaving hungry bellies and countless destitute for Goya to immortalize. This paper considers the progressive vision of the agricultural/pastoral landscape of Spain, to understand why the innovation of the patria and the hope for the panza (stomach) remained unfulfilled.

Charles A. Francis, University of Nebraska; **Mindi L. Schneider**, Cornell University; **Peter Skelton**, University of Nebraska; **Michele Schoeneberger** and **Gary Bentrup**, National Agroforestry Center (*sess. 46*)

Methods for Designing Future Food Systems in Peri-Urban Areas

We need mixed and interdisciplinary research methods to address complex agricultural challenges. Growth and expansion of urban populations, coupled with declining agricultural production acres, has given priority to farming and food systems in peri-urban areas. To understand issues that operate at the rural-urban interface, tools that increase breadth and scope of research and development are needed. A study of the ethics of land use and food purchasing preferences of peri-urban consumers in Nebraska revealed an ethic of environmental stewardship, plus high interest in purchasing locally grown foods. Farmers in the same study area were unaware of this local market demand. Studies of federal support programs for planting woody buffers along waterways to improve water quality have found low levels of participation in spite of attractive financial incentives. In future research, we need methods such as mail surveys, interviews, focus groups, and case studies in specific locations, in conjunction with traditional biophysical measurements and indicators. These can be combined for study of farms, landscapes, and ecosystems in areas that surround our growing cities. Universities and government agencies are frequently organized around narrow disciplinary lines, and currently face difficulties addressing complex challenges that include biological, economic, ecological, and social factors. We need to develop different tools through interdisciplinary team research and education to educate the public about rational land and other resource use in order to sustain the ecosystem services and food production that will be vital to long-term agricultural and social success.

Carrie Packwood Freeman, University of Oregon (*sess. 34*)

Building Bodies Not Beings: The Construction of Farmed Animals in National News

With the increasing industrialization of animal farming, the news media are an important source of knowledge about farmed animals for a largely urban public. This textual analysis of over 100 national news stories published between 2000-2003 in The New York Times, Time, CNN and CBS Evening News forms the foundation of scholarship on American news representations of farmed animals. Findings show news discourse largely supports the speciesist status quo by representing farmed animals primarily as resources for human use through commodifying them, failing to acknowledge their emotions and perspectives, and failing to describe them as inherently-valuable individuals. Visual imagery focuses more on bodies than beings, keeping viewers disconnected and unattached to the animals. However, on occasion, the media do challenge the rules of discourse by showing that animals have emotional needs and deserve to be rescued from cruel treatment. Social change for farmed animals is more likely if the media begin to construct stories which introduce us to individual farmed animals, include a non-anthropocentric ethical component, and respect both human and animal interests.

Doug Freeman and **Dave Decker**, Arnold Creek Productions, Lake Oswego, OR (*sess. 75*)

Sustainability: From Field to Store to Customer

Explore the economic and social bonds between growers and local markets at a special presentation of a new educational video "Architecture to Zucchini: The people, companies and organizations pioneering sustainability." Tours and interviews highlight innovative sustainable practices in industries ranging from catalog sales and banking to forest products and agriculture. These companies and organizations serve as national models for operating in ways that responsibly address environmental, social, economic and health values. The program is aimed at educational, government, industry and professional organization audiences. During the Sunday morning session, attendees will view two 10-minute segments from this two-hour program. One features Bill and Karla Chambers of Stahlbush Island Farms, a major organic grower located in the Willamette Valley. The other segment features Brian Rohter, founder of a successful grocery chain called New Seasons Market that focuses on organically grown and regionally produced foods. Both have established unique relationships with