

DRAFT Agenda as of 11.30.21

Monday, JANUARY 10 (VIRTUAL CONFERENCE)

12:30 PM CT (Pre-recorded) [Welcome message from National Farmers Union](#)

Learn more about the National Farmers Union organization, how to navigate the conference, and how to enter the raffle drawing!

1:00 PM CT [A Taste of Indigenous Foods with Mariah Gladstone, Indigikitchen](#)

What are indigenous foods, where do we get them, and how do we prepare them? Many native North American foods, both cultivated and harvested, have been forgotten as our society has expanded and changed. Mariah Gladstone is leading the way in a food movement that is revitalizing and incorporating these important foods into the contemporary diet. She will discuss the history of Native food systems and the importance of rediscovering our traditional foodways.

Tuesday, JANUARY 11

1:00 PM CT [Crop Economics: Understanding Today's Markets with Tori Marshall, Extension Area Specialist-Farm Management, Western Region Extension](#)

This session provides a brief 2022 crop outlook as well as discussion of marketing options and decision aids created to assist producers in making informed decisions for their operations.

Wednesday, JANUARY 12

1:00 PM CT [Grants 101 with Donna Pearson McClish, Common Ground Producers and Growers Inc., and Tricia Wanko, NFU Food Safety Grant Coordinator](#)

Grant funding is another way to access capital that can be used on your farm. In this session, we will discuss how to identify grant opportunities, how to write a grant, and how to manage grant reporting.

Thursday, JANUARY 13

1:00 PM CT [How Cooperatives Make an Impact with Teia Evans, Associate Director at Carolina Common Enterprise](#)

Cooperation is adaptable and impactful. The common principles that unite all cooperatives – small-farm and commodity, rural and urban, producer and consumer – promote sustainable development, equitable exchange, and resilient economies. This session will look at cooperation in action, exploring real-world examples demonstrating how cooperatives meet a diverse range of individual and community needs.

2:00 PM CT [Social Hour](#)

Join your fellow attendees for a chance to say hello and chat about what you learned at the virtual conference.