



Presents

**BACK TO YOUR ROOTS 2018: A Sustainable Agriculture Masters Series**  
 Growing Food, Farmers & the Fabric of Rural Communities  
 May 17 – 19, 2018  
 Northwestern State University, Russell Hall  
 125 Central Avenue, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457  
**Tentative Conference Agenda**

**Thursday, May 17, 2018**

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Registration and Tour Cane River Creole National Historical Park, Oakland Plantation
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception, National Center for Preservation, Technology and Training <b>Keynote Speaker: Dr. Charles W. Fluharty, Founder, President &amp; CEO, Rural Policy Research Institute, Creative Placemaking</b>

**Friday, May 18, 2018**

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Registration		
8:30 am – 10:00 am	General Session: <b>Jean-Martin Fortier, Author of <i>The Market Gardener</i>, "A Successful Grower's Guide to Small-Scale Organic Farming"</b>		
10:00 am – 10:15 am	<b>BREAK/BOOTHS</b>		
10:15 am – 11:45 am	Production Master Class: <b>Jean-Martin Fortier, Author of <i>The Market Gardener</i>, "A Successful Grower's Guide to Small-Scale Organic Farming"</b>	Breakout Session: <b>Appropriate Technology – Water Conservation</b> <b>Presenter: Dr. Naveen Adusumili</b> <i>LSU AgCenter, Water Conservation</i>	Breakout Session: <b>The Business of Farming - Growing a Sustainable Farm Income</b> <b>Presenter: Ayn Duncan, Laus Deo Farm</b> <b>Presenter: Grant Guidroz, Fullness Organic Farm</b>
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch Plenary: <b>Keynote Speaker: Dr. Carl Motsenbocker, LSU AgCenter, Building A Local Food System: Improving on a Good Idea</b>		
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Production Master Class: <b>Jean-Martin Fortier, Author of <i>The Market Gardener</i>, "A Successful Grower's Guide to Small-Scale Organic Farming"</b>	Breakout Session: <b>Appropriate Technology – Drones</b> <b>Presenter: Dr. Bill Blackwelder,</b> <i>Delta UAS, Drones in Agriculture</i>	Breakout Session: <b>The Business of Farming – Recordkeeping/Insurance/Contracts/Taxes</b> <b>Presenter: Jim Kilcoyne, NSU School of Business</b>
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>BREAK/BOOTHS</b>		
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Production Master Class: <b>Jean-Martin Fortier, Author of <i>The Market Gardener</i>, "A Successful Grower's Guide to Small-Scale Organic Farming"</b>	Breakout Session: <b>Appropriate Technology – Energy Conservation</b> <b>Presenter: Eddie Thompson, REAP</b>	Breakout Session: <b>The Business of Farming – Marketing &amp; Promotion</b> <b>Presenter: Lauren Adams, Louisiana Tech University</b>
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>OPTIONAL: Campti Historic Museum &amp; Tallowah Farm OPEN HOUSE</b> <b>Museum:</b> 211 Edenborn Street, Campti, 71411 <b>Farm:</b> 681 Campti Bayou Road, Campti, LA 71411		
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<b>OPTIONAL: Farm-to-Table Dinner by Chef, Desi Bourgeois - \$35/Person</b>		

## Saturday, May 19, 2018

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Registration		
8:30 am – 10:00 am	General Session: <b>Joel Salatin</b> , Author of <i>You Can Farm</i> , <i>Salad Bar Beef</i> , <i>Pastured Poultry</i> and several others, <b>Polyface Farm</b>		
10:00 am – 10:15 am	<b>BREAK/BOOTH</b>		
10:15 am – 11:45 am	Production Master Class: <b>Joel Salatin</b> , Author of <i>You Can Farm</i> , <i>Salad Bar Beef</i> , <i>Pastured Poultry</i> and several others, <b>Polyface Farm</b>	Breakout Session: <b>Appropriate Technology</b> - Building Great Soil	Breakout Session: <b>The Business of Farming</b> - Value-Added Production – Cottage Industry
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	LUNCH Plenary: Technical and Financial Support <b>Moderator: Dexter Sapp, USDA NRCS</b> <b>Panelist: USDA FSA</b> <b>Panelist: USDA RD</b> <b>Panelist: LDAF</b>		
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Production Master Class: <b>Joel Salatin</b> , Author of <i>You Can Farm</i> , <i>Salad Bar Beef</i> , <i>Pastured Poultry</i> and several other books, <b>Polyface Farm</b>	Breakout Session: <b>Appropriate Technology</b> – Season Extension <b>Presenter: Dr. Chris Coreil, High Tunnels</b>	Breakout Session: <b>The Business of Farming</b> - Value-Added Production - Livestock
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>BREAK/BOOTH</b>		
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Production Master Class: <b>Joel Salatin</b> , Author of <i>You Can Farm</i> , <i>Salad Bar Beef</i> , <i>Pastured Poultry</i> and several others, <b>Polyface Farm</b>	Breakout Session: <b>Appropriate Technology</b> - Managing Insects on Your Farm	Breakout Session: <b>The Business of Farming</b> - Agritourism
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>LOAD BUSES</b>		
4:00 pm – 10:00 pm	<b>OPTIONAL</b> Field Experience: <b>Landry Vineyards – Tour, Wine Tasting, and Dinner \$65/Person</b>		