Presentations made by Ken Meter, Crossroads Resource Center:

as of February 29, 2024


30. Fresh Air Radio (KFAI) — Minneapolis, Minnesota (January 6, 2022). Interview with Don Olson covering *Building Community Food Webs.*


34. University of Hawai‘i — Waianae (October 12, 2021). “Hawai‘i Food for All.” Presentation to Dr. Albie Miles’ class, Survey of Sustainable Food Systems covering the Hawai‘i food system study of that name and *Building Community Food Webs.*

35. Salt Lake City Food Policy Council (October 12, 2021). Webinar presentation covering feasibility study for proposed food hub serving Northern Utah farmers. *Featured speaker. New data set.*


44. City of Brighton, Colorado (May 24, 2021). Webinar with farmer Tim Ferrell and the city’s food coordinator Anneli Berube to celebrate the *Building Community Food Webs*’ coverage of Brighton’s efforts to protect farmland from development.


56. Wisconsin Farmers Union Polk County Chapter — Amery, Wisconsin (October 24, 2019). “Feeding our Community.” Forum for planning the future of Amery, co-sponsored by Farm Table Foundation. *Featured Speaker.*

57. National Farm Viability Conference — Red Wing, Minnesota (October 23, 2019). “Scale is Both the Problem & the Solution.”


65. Wisconsin Farmers Union, Dunn County chapter — Menomonie, Wisconsin (November 12, 2019). “Opportunities for Rural Communities.” *Featured Speaker.*


68. Unified Government of Kansas City and Wyandotte County — Kansas City, Kansas (June 28, 2018). “Wyandotte County, Kansas, Healthy Food System Assessment.” Presentation to County Board. Featured Speaker.


74. Winrock International — Albuquerque, New Mexico (March 30, 2018). Panelist for plenary session on economic development at National Good Food Network Conference [Plenary].


123. Alaska Senate Resources Committee — Juneau, Alaska (April 1, 2016). Summary of findings of Building Food Security in Alaska report at the request of the Committee. Comments were offered by telephone.

124. USDA Agricultural Marketing Service and Wallace Center — Atlanta, Georgia (March 30, 2016). Special preconference workshop at National Good Food Network meeting. “Economic Impacts of Local and Regional Food Systems.” Overview of new USDA Toolkit, which Meter co-authored with 14 other experts. One of five featured speakers.


156. Denver Foundation — Denver, Colorado (June 24, 2014). Denver Metro area food systems partnership meeting. Featured speaker.


Featured speaker; presented new study.

Featured speaker; presented new study.

175. Welborn Baptist Foundation — Evansville, Indiana (October 18, 2013). “Local Food’s Role in Economic Development in Southwest Indiana.”  
Featured speaker; presented new study.

Regional leaders’ gathering.

Annual Meeting workshop presentation with Manheim & Associates.

Annual meeting. Keynote.

Regional food summit. Keynote; Presented new data set.


181. Columbus Regional Health — Seymour, Indiana (September 11, 2013). “What Food Webs Can Do in the Columbus Region.”  
Regional food and health meetings. Featured speaker.

182. Columbus Regional Health — Columbus, Indiana (September 10, 2013). “What Food Webs Can Do in the Columbus Region.”  

Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Conference, St. Olaf College. Workshop presenter.


Local foods series. Keynote.


193. Indiana Dietetic Association — Indianapolis, Indiana (April 17, 2013). “How Do We Move to a Stronger Food System in Indiana?” Annual meeting. **Featured speaker.**


197. University of Minnesota — Minneapolis, Minnesota (March 30, 2013). “Mapping the Minnesota Food Industry.” Presentation to Sustainability course. **Featured speaker.**


218. Fair Share Coalition — Madison, Wisconsin (November 14, 2012). “The Role of Local Food in Economic Recovery.” Year of the Community Supported Agriculture series. Co-sponsored by the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS), Urban and Regional Planning Department, UW Slow Food, F.H. King Students for Sustainable Agriculture, and the Community and Environmental Sociology Department. *Featured speaker.*


228. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — Atlanta, Georgia (September 12, 2012). “How Food System Assessments Help Integrate Food, Markets, and Society.” Division seminar for CDC staff. **Featured speaker.**


235. Alabama A&M University, Department of Community and Regional Planning — Huntsville (July 26, 2012). “Assessing Food Systems for Emergence.” Community Planning Approaches Workshop. **Keynote speaker.**


244. Slow Living Summit — Brattleboro, Vermont (June 1, 2012). “Civic Journalism.” *Breakout panel.*

245. Slow Living Summit — Brattleboro, Vermont (June 1, 2012). “Food & Health.” *Breakout panel.*


277. The Second Virginia Food Security Summit — Charlottesville, Virginia (December 5-6, 2011). Co-sponsored by University of Virginia, Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Virginia Dining, University of Virginia School of Architecture, Chipotle, Food Lion, The Campbell Foundation, Virginia FAIRS, Virginia Food System Council, and many others. Served as The Robert L. Plavnic Lecturer in Urban and Environmental Planning. Opening panelist and closing commentator.


287. Common Roots Co-op Grocery — Urbana, Illinois (September 10, 2011). Facilitator for strategic planning session involving local planning, economic development officials and city council members, along with local foods leaders.


300. Centers for Disease Control — Atlanta (May 16, 2011). Teleconference on food policy featuring Ken’s Ohio study and comments by Ohio food leaders, co-sponsored by Community Food Security Coalition.

301. New Leaf Market Food Co-op — Green Bay, Wisconsin (May 11, 2011). Webinar to present findings from an economic study of eastern Wisconsin to co-op leaders.


303. Williamson Farmers’ Market — Williamson, West Virginia (April 30, 2011). In partnership with West Virginia Community Development Hub, West Virginia Food and Farm Coalition, and Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation. Facilitated food asset mapping and strategic planning workshop, presentation on economic issues and food.


Community Development Hub, and West Virginia Food and Farm Coalition. **Featured speaker.**

**New data set.**


320. University of Minnesota Sustainability 4004 — Minneapolis, Minnesota (March 8, 2011). “Mapping the Minnesota Food Industry.” **Featured speaker.**


322. Washtenaw County Local Food Summit — Ann Arbor, Michigan (March 1, 2011). “Local Food as Economic Driver.” **Featured Speaker.**


324. University of Georgia Ag Forecast Day — Tifton, Georgia. Featured speaker at annual farm outlook event (January 25, 2011). “The Role of Local Food in Economic Recovery.” Co-sponsored by University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Georgia Farm Bureau, Georgia Agribusiness Council, and the Georgia Department of Agriculture. **Featured speaker.**

325. University of Georgia Ag Forecast Day — Gainesville, Georgia. Featured speaker at annual farm outlook event (January 24, 2011). “The Role of Local Food in Economic Recovery.” Co-sponsored by University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Georgia Farm Bureau, Georgia Agribusiness Council, and the Georgia Department of Agriculture. **Featured speaker.**


345. Riverbend Co-operative — Red Wing, Minnesota. Presentation as part of a forum on local economic issues in the region sponsored by new grocery cooperative (October 8, 2010). Featured speaker.


347. Worm Farm — Reedsburg Wisconsin. Public forum on sustainability; part of a summer forum sponsored by the Smithsonian (September 21, 2010). “Local Food as Economic Recovery.” Featured speaker.
348. Interview with Home Box Office video crew for an upcoming feature on food issues in the U.S. Invited by Practical Farmers of Iowa — Grinnell, Iowa (August 13, 2010).


356. Virginia Cooperative Extension — Charlottesville, Virginia. Presentation to local officials and extension leaders covering communities of practice methods (July 14, 2010).

357. Northwest Wisconsin Local Food Network — Rice Lake, Wisconsin. Presentation to community forum on local foods as an economic development strategy (June 29, 2010). “Local Food as Economic Recovery.” In collaboration with City of St. Croix Falls, WestCAP. Featured speaker.


371. Oregon Food Bank — Ontario, Oregon. Presentation to city and county officials at a public meeting on local foods as an economic development strategy (June 2, 2010). In collaboration with Treasure Valley Local Food Network, Sustainable Community Connections, and New West Planners. “Local Food as Economic Recovery.” Featured speaker, new data set.


374. Community Food Security Coalition — Portland, Oregon. Coordinated Teleconference on local food as economic development for community of practice consisting of USDA Community Food Projects grantees (May 6, 2010). “Making the community economic development case for local foods to municipal officials.” Co-convenor, facilitator, speaker.


376. W. K. Kellogg Foundation — Chandler, Arizona. Food and Community Conference (April 29, 2010). One of 30 presenters asked to offer summary comments at end of this national conference of community foods leaders.

377. North Coast Opportunities and Mendocino County Department of Public Health — Fort Bragg, California. Presentation to city and county officials at a public meeting on local foods as an economic development strategy (April 21, 2010). In collaboration with Mendocino County Extension, Mendocino County Agriculture Commissioner. “Local Food as Economic Recovery.” Featured speaker, new data set.

378. North Coast Opportunities and Mendocino County Department of Public Health — Willits, California. Presentation to city and county officials at a public meeting on local foods as an economic development strategy (April 20, 2010). In collaboration with Mendocino County Extension, Mendocino County Agriculture Commissioner. “Local Food as Economic Recovery.” Featured speaker, new data set.

379. North Coast Opportunities and Mendocino County Department of Public Health — Ukiah, California. Presentation to city and county officials at a public meeting on local foods as an economic development strategy (April 20, 2010). In collaboration with Mendocino County Extension, Mendocino County Agriculture Commissioner. “Local Food as Economic Recovery.” Featured speaker, new data set.


383. American Chemical Society — San Francisco, California. Special Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of CHEM Study [the renowned high school science curriculum] (March 22, 2010). Panel member; sole representative of 2 million high school students who studied with the curriculum.

384. Bioneers New Mexico — Santa Fe, New Mexico (March 10-11, 2010). New Mexico Local Foods Summit — Santa Fe, NM. Presentation of new data set; panel respondent; delayed by canceled flight.

385. University of Minnesota Department of Epidemiology and Public Health. Presentation to graduate course on nutrition and obesity — Minneapolis, Minnesota (March 9, 2010). “Local Food as Economic Recovery.”


400. Northeast Regional Steering Committee for Farm-to-School — Keene, New Hampshire. Strategic planning meeting (January 8, 2010). Keynote; strategic consultant.


410. Farm Aid and Missouri Rural Crisis Center — St. Louis, Missouri. A Farmer/Urban Connection conference (October 2, 2009) in conjunction with Farm Aid concert. “Local Food as Economic Recovery.”


413. Kansas Rural Center and Local Burger Restaurant — Lawrence, Kansas. Annual local foods pioneer celebration (June 24, 2009). Keynote.


444. Austin Economic Development Committee — Austin, Manitoba (October 22, 2008). “Finding Food in Farm Country.”


446. Kansas Rural Center & Kansas State University — Lawrence, Kansas (October 16, 2008). “Finding Food in the Kaw River Valley.”

447. Lawrence, Kansas, Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee — Lawrence, Kansas (October 16, 2008). “Finding Food in the Kaw River Valley.”


457. Economic Development Committee, Grant County, South Dakota — Milbank, South Dakota (August 12, 2008). Introduction to local economic analysis.

458. Concerned Citizens of Grant County, South Dakota — Milbank, South Dakota (August 11, 2008). Preliminary findings in Grant County.

459. Concerned Citizens of Grant County, South Dakota — Milbank, South Dakota (July 31, 2008). Introduction to local economic analysis.


462. West Central Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnership — Clinton, Minnesota (July 8, 2008). “Finding Food in Western Minnesota.” In collaboration with Land Stewardship Project.

463. West Central Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnership — Willmar, Minnesota (July 8, 2008). “Finding Food in Western Minnesota.” In collaboration with Land Stewardship Project.


475. Community Food Security Coalition—Food Policy Council Committee (April 9, 2008). Presentation on local economic analysis and food system assessment to national teleconference with 62 attendees.


480. Faith Mennonite Church, Minneapolis, at request of Slow Food Minnesota (March 8, 2008). “A Response to Michael Pollan’s The Omnivore’s Dilemma.”


483. Dakota County Farmland and Natural Areas Program Citizen Advisory Committee (February 25, 2008). Suburban Twin Cities metro area. “Rural Sustainability and Local Food Production.”

484. Missouri Farmers Union, Kansas Farmers Union, Missouri Food Circles, and others — strategic planning conference (February 16, 2008). “Coming Home to Eat” keynote and facilitator.


486. Cornerstone Rural Economic Development Authority — annual Ag Day — Arcola, Saskatchewan (February 11, 2008). “Finding Food in Farm Country” and “Organizing Local Food Systems” two keynotes. Co-sponsors include Agriculture Council of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Coop Canada, Canada Credit Unions, Pioneer Seeds, Viterra, SeedMaster, Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Saskatchewan.


488. New Partners for Smart Growth — annual conference — Washington, D.C., (February 8, 2008). “Opening the Farm Gate of Local Food Systems.” Panelist along with American
Farmland Trust and Slow Food USA. Co-sponsors include EPA, USDA, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transportation Administration, Department of Defense, American Society of Landscape Architects, Local Government Commission, Centers for Disease Prevention, Smart Growth Network, Kaiser Permanente, Urban Land Institute, American Realtors’ Association, Thrive, ESRI, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, International Council of Shopping Centers, HDR, Placemaking, AARP.


492. Manitoba Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives — annual Agri-Days (20,000 attend) — Brandon, Manitoba (January 17, 2008) “Finding Food in Farm Country” featured speaker.


508. Business Alliance for Local Living Economies annual meeting — Berkeley, California (June 1, 2007). “The Economists Speak about Local Food Systems.”


518. Iowa State University Sustainable Agriculture graduate program: presentation to department colloquium at invitation of graduate student group — Ames, Iowa (April 11, 2007). “Finding Food in Farm Country.” Featured speaker.


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542. Slow Food Minnesota report on Terra Madre conference — Minneapolis (December 17, 2006). Panel member.


545. Organic Valley (CROPP Cooperative) management team — La Farge, Wisconsin (November 21, 2006).


551. University of Minnesota Department of Epidemiology — Minneapolis, Minnesota (October 17, 2006). "Finding Food in Farm Country." Presentation to graduate seminar.


562. University of Minnesota Ecosystem Science Sustainability Initiative, and School of Journalism and Mass Communications — Minneapolis, Minnesota (June 5-6, 2006). "Finding Food in Farm Country." Workshop on food systems for journalists. **Keynote.**

563. Prairie Rivers Resource Conservation & Development District, Story County, Iowa (May 18, 2006). Board of directors meeting to learn about findings of RC&D local economy study. "Resource-Based Community Economic Development." **Primary speaker.**


566. University of Minnesota Department of Epidemiology — Minneapolis, Minnesota (March 28, 2006). "North Minneapolis Food Markets."


569. Minneapolis Permaculture Network — Minneapolis, Minnesota (February 25, 2006). "Sustainability Indicators and Farm/Food Economies."

570. Allamakee, Howard and Winneshiek County extension offices — Waukon, Iowa (February 21, 2006), Cresco, Iowa (February 21, 2006), and Decorah, Iowa (February 22, 2006). "Finding Food in Northeast Iowa." Presentations to community members as part of strategic planning process.


573. Iowa Network for Community Agriculture annual meeting — Des Moines, Iowa (February 4, 2006). "Healthy Foods, Healthy Communities." **Keynote. New data.**


577. Woodbury County, Iowa, Board of Supervisors — Sioux City (January 4, 2006). "Finding Food in Woodbury County." Part of the board's consideration of the resolution, passed a week later, mandating that the county buy local, organic food when available.


589. Northwest Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnership local foods roundtable — Fertile (September 15, 2005). "Finding Food in Northwest Minnesota."}

591. Northwest Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnership local foods roundtable — Mahnomen (September 13, 2005).


593. University of Minnesota Department of Epidemiology — Minneapolis (August 30, 2005). "Finding Food in Farm Country." Presentation to graduate nutrition and public health course.


596. Iowa Department of Natural Resources interagency committee on tourism— Des Moines (June 23, 2005)


604. Wisconsin Community Leadership Summit — Eau Claire (April 13, 2005) "Building Local Wealth by Building Local Foods Systems."


608. EcoFarm Conference (California’s statewide conference of sustainable and organic producers and consumers), Monterey (January 22, 2005). "Finding Food in Farm Country."


611. Aldo Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture — Iowa State University, Ames (November 17, 2005). "Finding Food in Wright County." Presentation to regional foods systems working group.


616. University of Minnesota Department of Epidemiology — (August 25, 2004). Presentation to graduate nutrition and public health course. "Neighborhood Sustainability Indicators."


621. Rural Development Initiative annual conference — Portland, Oregon, (March 5, 2004). "Finding Food in Farm Country."


623. Metropolitan State University (February 28, 2004). Presentation to urban studies class.


627. Placer County (California) Agriculture Committee (October 14, 2003). "Finding Food in Farm Country."

628. University of California — Santa Cruz, agro-ecology program (October 10, 2003). "Finding Food in Farm Country."

629. Southeast Minnesota Experiment in Rural Cooperation — Lake City (September 22, 2003). Present findings of "Finding Food in Farm Country" report to president of University of Minnesota.

630. University of Minnesota Department of Epidemiology — Minneapolis (August 18, 2003). Presentation to graduate nutrition and public health course. "Neighborhood Sustainability Indicators."


634. International Union of Anthropological and Ethnographic Sciences (IUAES) annual conference — Firenze, Italy (July 8, 2003). "Linked Sustainability Indicators Build Bridges of Trust."

636. Aldo Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Iowa State University (June 12, 2003). "Finding Food in Farm Country."


639. U. S. Senate Agriculture Committee (field hearing) — Stewartville, Minnesota (August 20, 2001). Testimony reporting on findings of "Finding Food in Farm Country" report. At invitation of both Minnesota Senators.


Other presentations by Ken Meter (not necessarily connected to Crossroads):

1. Filipino American National Historical Society — Honolulu, Hawai‘i (June 29, 2006). "Filipinos Correct History at the Minnesota State Capitol."