

## Biographic Sketch

### **Ken Meter** **Crossroads Resource Center**

Ken Meter is one of the most experienced food system analysts in the U.S., integrating market analysis, business development, systems thinking, and social concerns. As president of Crossroads Resource Center in Minneapolis, Meter holds 41 years experience in inner-city and rural community capacity building. His “Finding Food in Farm Country” studies have promoted local food networks in 71 regions in 30 states and one Canadian province. As coordinator of public process for the City of Minneapolis Sustainability Initiative, he guided over 85 residents in creating a 50-year vision for the city including sustainability measures. He served as an advisor for the USDA Community Food Projects including managing the proposal review panel, and serves on the editorial advisory committee of the *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*. He is co-convenor of the Community Economic Development Committee for the Community Food Security Coalition. Meter taught economics at the University of Minnesota, and at the Harvard Kennedy School.