



## COLORADO FOOD SYSTEMS ADVISORY COUNCIL REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT PLEASE JOIN US!

**Dear Friends, Colleagues, Partners, and Advocates,**

The newly formed Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council (COFSAC) wants to hear from you - agriculture producers, advocates, and supporters - about regional economic development opportunities and challenges and various business models and market strategies that could open new or strengthen existing markets in your area. Specifically:

- What is working and what isn't?
- What challenges do you face when trying to access local markets?
- Are there apparent solutions?

Please join the Council, other local food systems leaders, producers, government representatives, and advocates on **December 16th, from 10 am to 2 pm at El Pueblo History Museum**, 301 North Union Avenue, Pueblo, CO.

Please RSVP to Caroline at [admin@wpmconsulting.net](mailto:admin@wpmconsulting.net) by December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Questions about the event? Please contact Megan Phillips, COFSAC Staff, at [megan@wpmconsulting.net](mailto:megan@wpmconsulting.net)

### **About COFSAC**

The Council was created as an advisory committee to foster a healthy food supply available to all Colorado residents while enhancing the state's agricultural and natural resources, encouraging economic growth, expanding the viability of agriculture, and improving the health of our communities and residents. This can include making recommendations for research, policy, and regulatory action; informing member organizations' policies and programs; sharing information and resources; facilitating peer-to-peer networking, etc. The Council is comprised of thirteen appointees representing a broad spectrum of government and non-government entities from most sectors of the food system. The following people hold seats on the Council:

Jane Brand  
CO Dept. of Education

Patricia Daniluk  
CO Dept. of Public Health & Environment

Barb Marty  
Farmer

Julie Kerksick  
CO Dept. of Human Services

Karen Falbo  
Nutrition Program Manager

Jim Miller  
CO Dept. of Agriculture

Mary Lou Chapman  
Rocky Mountain Food Industry Association

Jim Isgar  
USDA Rural Development

Ruth Stemler  
Share our Strength Colorado

Amber Clay  
Farmer, Book keeper

Pat Kendall  
Food Science & Human Nutrition, CSU

Cynthia Torres  
CO Farmers' Market Association

Linda Yoder  
Agriculture Producer

For more information about COFSAC or this event, please visit: [www.cofoodsystmscouncil.org](http://www.cofoodsystmscouncil.org)