

## News Release

# Local Foods College Comes to a Computer near You

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The Regional Sustainable Development Partnership's 5th annual Local Foods College is an interactive distance learning opportunity for gardeners and farmers interested in community-based food systems. The course will begin January 12 and is a series of eight sessions, meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays until March 1, 2016. The Local Foods College is free but registration is required. Learn more by visiting <http://localfoods.umn.edu>.

The webinar format is handy for many participants to access from home or office locations and there are also public sites around the state that offer opportunities to network with neighbors. Topics include soil health, how to grow produce, healthy foods access, food business regulations, animals on your homestead, scaling up for markets, and farming in a controlled environment.

The Local Foods College is part of a movement to strengthen local and regional food systems. The 2016 Local Foods College is supported by University of Minnesota Extension, the Statewide Health Improvement Program and Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education.

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