

## DRAFT

# ROLLING THUNDER PANELS AND WORKSHOPS

## Food, Hunger, Farming

### Food Panel 1: It's Dinner Time – Do You Know Where Your Meal's Been?

*Find out where your dinner came from – from seed to table*

#### Facilitator:

Facilitator will describe a typical meal: meat, vegetable, potato, milk. Each person can describe any piece of the meal that is appropriate.

- a. Seeds
- b. Farmers: Two farmers – one grain and one meat  
Organic Valley, Larry Mitchell - American Corn Growers
- c. Ranchers / Meat Producers: Mike Christie, Ted Jorgeson - Niman Ranch
- d. Companies / Distributors: George Siemon, Organic Valley
- e. Restaurants: Michael Altenberg, Campagnola

### Food Panel 2: You Are What You Eat

#### Facilitator:

*What you should know about 'who you are'*

Facilitator: Janice Nietzel

- a. Strawberry Fish? : Genetically Modified Organisms  
Panelist: Jessica Hayes – GEAN  
Workshop Leaders: Heather Whitehead, Greenpeace  
Lisa Archer, Friends of the Earth
- b. Food irradiation  
Panelist: Mark Armantrout – Illinois Food Safety Coalition  
Workshop Leaders: Patty Lovera – Public Citizen
- c. Factory Farms  
Panelist: Karen Hudson - Families Against Rural Messes
- d. Complicity of regulatory agencies  
Panelist: Lianne Casten – Chicago Media Watch
- e. Environmental Toxins  
Panelist: Dr. Gina Markis  
Workshop Leader: Diane Brown – IL PIRG
- f. Nutrients – How to use food to create health  
Panelist: Laura Black RN, Organic Food Basket

### Food Panel 3: Making Agriculture Work for Families and Communities

#### Facilitator: Juli Brussell

- a. Best practices around the world  
Panelist: Frances Moore Lappe  
Workshop Leader:
- b. Increasing access and availability of organic food  
Panelist: Jim Slama - Sustain

- c. Community Supported Agriculture  
Panelist: Tom Spaulding, Angelic Organics  
Workshop Leader:
- c. Coalition Agriculture and Disenfranchised Farmers  
Panelist: Ralph Paige - Federation of Southern Cooperatives
- d. Fair Trade coffee/other products  
Panelist: Alisha Lineberger - Equal Exchange  
Workshop Leader: Hilary Abell - TransFair
- e. Making National Legislation with Farmers in Mind  
Panelist: Becky Crooker – National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture  
Workshop Leader: - National Family Farm Coalition

#### **Food Panel 4: Jet-setting Produce and Bottled Water – Your Tomato has More Passport Stamps Than You**

*Globalization of the food and water supply and how it affects you*

##### **Facilitator:**

- a. The Global Chemical and Agribusiness Companies – their impact on farmers, our food system, academia and government agencies  
Panelist:  
Workshop Leader:
- b. Consolidation in Agriculture on a Worldwide Level  
Panelist: Bill Heffernan  
Workshop Leader:
- c. International Trade and the WTO: Its Affects on Food Safety  
Panelist: Lori Wallach - Public Citizen  
Workshop Leader:
- d. Privatization of Water: US and internationally  
Panelist: Wenonah Hauter – Public Citizen
- e. Global Seed Patents  
Panelist: Bill Wenzzel – Farmer to Farmer

#### **Food Panel 5: Hunger, Food Security and Urban Issues**

##### **Facilitator:**

- a. Genetically Modified Organisms and Hunger  
Panelist: Tom Ulick
- b. Food provision agencies  
Panelist: Community Food Security Coalition  
Workshop Leader: IL Hunger Coalition
- c. Urban gardening / Urban Food Security  
Panelist: Ericka Peterson-Dana – Catnip Farm  
Panelist: Nevis Gonzalez – EcoVida

#### **Food Panel 6: Labor in the Food and Agriculture System – Labor and Immigrant Rights and Safety**

##### **Facilitator:**

- a. Immigrant worker rights  
Panelist: Dolores Huerta  
UFCW – Kevin Williamson  
ICIRR – Josh Hoyt  
CAALI – Grace Hou

b. Globalization of Labor

Panelist: Baldemar Velasquez, farmers

Panelist: Joe Costigan, UNITE, sweatshops