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**Pride of the Prairie Expo, Market, Meal**

*Summary: You can support local farmers and enjoy locally grown foods when you attend the Pride of the Prairie's 7th Annual Spring Community Food Expo and Farmer's Market and Local Foods Meal.*

(March 1, 2006)-You can support local farmers and enjoy locally grown foods when you attend the Pride of the Prairie's 7th Annual Spring Community Food Expo and Farmer's Market and Local Foods Meal on Thursday, March 16, at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

The Community Food Expo and Farmer's Market, from 2-4:30 p.m. in Oyate Hall of the Student Center, will be presented by UMM Foodies and Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG). Chat with local people and learn about their organizations involved in agriculture, environment and food issues. A variety of locally and sustainably produced foods, including flax, honey, beef, bison, wheat, flour and soap, will be available for purchase.

A Readers Theatre will present "What Will Be In The Fields Tomorrow?" in the Alumni Room of Oyate Hall beginning at 2:30 p.m. This performance by 13 UMM students, staff, faculty and local citizens will explore the Voices of Sustainable Agriculture with a reactor panel of scholars to follow.

The popular Local Foods Meal will be held from 4:45-7 p.m. in UMM's Food Service building. The "Breakfast at Dinner" menu for this meal will feature homemade cinnamon rolls, tabbouleh salad, farmer's casserole with bacon, praline French toast, farmer-carved ham and other delicious, locally produced foods. The menu will be prepared by Sodexo Campus Services.

Enjoy entertainment while you eat from Homemade Jam, featuring Carol Ford, Colleen Frey, Audrey Arner and Malena Handeen, as well as music provided by Eagan Heath and Brittany Stone.

Tickets for the meal are available at the door or in the Student Center lobby from March 3-16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children and off-campus UMM students, and free for children five and under. On-campus students can use their regular meal plan. Free parking is available in all lots.

The focus of Pride of the Prairie "is to promote the production and use of locally grown food and to develop a regional food system in western Minnesota that provides good, nutritious food, nurtures a healthy environment and provides economic opportunity for area entrepreneurs."

These events are made possible thanks to our Pride of the Prairie partnerships including: the University of Minnesota, Morris, UMM's Service Learning Program (funded by a Learn and Serve America Grant), Sodexo Campus Services, MPIRG (Minnesota Public Interest Research Group), Pomme de Terre Food Coop, Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance, West Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, Sustainable Farming Association, Land Stewardship Project and Minnesota's farmers.

For Pride of the Prairie Local Foods meal event details, click [here](#) for a poster (5MB PDF).

For Pride of the Prairie Local Foods market event details, click [here](#) for a poster (5MB PDF).

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