



# GROW LOCAL O.C. CONFERENCE 2016

→ The Future of Urban Food Systems

**NOVEMBER 10 - 11**

**at California State University Fullerton (hosted by U-ACRE)**

Presented by Seedstock in partnership with the OC Food Access Coalition, the two-day conference will explore the community and economic development potential of urban food systems efforts across Orange County and the country to improve food access and health outcomes, connect people to their food, and create new jobs and business opportunities by employing innovative business models and farming systems of the future.

## **Day 1 (Nov. 10) Conference Day**

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Attendees will convene at the Portola Pavilion on the campus of California State University, Fullerton in Orange County, CA for a series of panels and keynotes that will address such topic areas as:

- *The importance of local food systems development for cities*
- *Economic potential of indoor agriculture*
- *Expansion of the local food marketplace*
- *Urban farming and local food access*
- *Community gardens and farms*

### **Select speakers include:**

**Karen Ross** - Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture

**Mark Lowry** - Director of the Orange County Food Bank

**Rachel Surls** - Sustainable Food Systems Advisor for UC Cooperative Extension

**Colin and Karen Archipley** - Co-founders of Archi's Acres and the VSAT Program

**Chef Adam Navidi** - Founder, Future Foods Farms and Oceans & Earth Restaurant

**Christina Hall** - Executive Director of OC Food Access Coalition

**Megan Penn** - Executive Director of Orange Home Grown

**Rishi Kumar** - Co-founder and Director of The Growing Club

**Sara E. Johnson** - Director of the U-ACRE program at Cal State Fullerton

**Chris Higgins** - General Manager at Hort Americas

## **Day 2 (Nov. 11) Future Farm Field Trip**

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The Future Farm Field Trip will offer a limited number of attendees an excursion into the diversity of innovative urban and state-of-the-art agriculture operations across Orange County. Scheduled stops on the tour thus far include:

**Future Foods Farms** – Future Foods Farms, located on 25 acres in Brea, California, produces all organically grown products in its 2,000-4,000 square-foot greenhouses and is one of the largest aquaponic farms in the state.

**Urban Produce** – Irvine-based Urban Produce has developed the patented High Density Vertical Growing System (HDVGS) as a sustainable alternative to traditional agriculture, utilizing advanced hydroponic technologies in a controlled environment.

**Alegria Fresh** – Alegria Fresh, located in Irvine, CA is a zero-waste, solar-powered one-acre high performance urban microfarm employing hydro-organic and hybrid soil-based growing systems.

**Control Air Community Farm** – Control Air Community Farm in Anaheim is an aquaponics farm, a farming system that combines elements of aquaculture and hydroponics. The farm uses minimal water to operate and produces over 2,000 pounds of food for underserved residents.

### **More information:**

<http://growlocaloc.com/conference>

### **Tickets and Registration:**

<http://growlocaloc.eventbrite.com>

