

Woodbury Letter

April 28, 2009

Re: Local Food Challenge - "Save Rob 09" Campaign; Restaurants Want You!

Dear First:

This is a big issue of the Woodbury Letter - I need you to survive:

- **Local Food Challenge - "Save Rob 09" Campaign**

During the month of June 2009, I will eat only food grown within 100 miles of the Woodbury County Courthouse. This will be a very strict diet that will obviously exclude coffee, tea, orange juice, salt, soda, sugar, and wheat bread (unless wheat is grown and milled within the area). I will also not eat meat no matter where raised. The Challenge is undertaken to bring public attention to what we eat and where we get our food: the increasing shortage of farmers, the lack of food security, and our utter dependence on an industrial food system that ignores our greatest economic asset - our farmland. Could our population survive if our industrial food system were interrupted? If not, then isn't it sadly ironic that we would starve in the middle of vast farmland? One result of the challenge will be the identification of all our local food sources.

- **I Need Your Food!**

In order to survive the month of June, I will need a list of all locally raised food that you can supply. The June Menu will be created during the entire month of May 2009. I plan on having enough food on stock as of June 1, 2009 to keep me going for at least a week, with food being continually provided throughout the month. If you, or someone you know, can produce butter, corn meal, eggs, vegetables, fruits, and all other locally produced food, that can be made available in June 09, please contact me at 712.279.6609.

- **Restaurants Want You!**

The Green Gables Restaurant (Jennifer Vollmer, 712.490.5756) and The Gardner Cafe (Paul Seaman, 712.204.0974) want to buy and prepare locally produced food for their customers. The problem has been identifying reliable local producers who desire to sell their product to restaurants. The upscale Lucianos restaurant, located in Sioux City, has also expressed strong interest in buying locally. During the month of June 09, I am hoping to eat at these restaurants - so, hopefully, you can supply them with your quality product.

- **"Challenge" Diary: www.woodburyorganics.com**

The "Save Rob 09" Campaign will be chronicled at www.woodburyorganics.com. There will be an entry made every day during the month of June 09: listing available local food, challenges in finding food, advertising for farmers who care to be recognized, etc. We hope you follow this adventure by going to the website.

- **Organic Growers Conference 2009**

Due to the lack of response to my call for conference topics and presenters, I have decided to team up with Teri VanHall, recent graduate of the Michigan State University organics program, to do a traveling film & presentation series in certain rural communities during the month of November. I will keep you posted.

Sincerely,



Robert Marqusee



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