

HIGH COUNTRY LOCAL FOOD SUMMIT

Building Diverse Community Networks to
Grow the Local Food Economy

Thursday March 26th 9 am to 5 pm
At the Apple Barn in Valley Crucis

Agenda

- 8 to 9 am Registration and coffee
- 9 to 9:15 Opening Remarks
Chuck Smith [ASU Sustainable Development](#)
- 9:15 to 9:45 The Diversity Engine: Food's Role is a Robust Local Economy
Tom Philpott, Maverick Farms and [Grist.org](#)
- 9:45 to 10:05 BREAK
- 10:05 to 11:15 Modeling the High Country Local Food System
Facilitated by Elaine Stover
- 11:15 to noon The Role of Small Farms in the Economic Revitalization of the Western North Carolina Economy
Tim Will, [Foothills Connect Business and Technology Center](#)
- noon to 1:15 LUNCH
- 1:15 to 2:15 Building a Local Food System that Works
Joel Salatin, [Polyface Farm](#)
- 2:15 to 3:30 Developing the Initiatives
Facilitated small group work
- 3:30 to 3:50 BREAK
- 3:50 to 5 Sharing Our Schemes and Aligning Our Resources
Plenary facilitated by Elaine Stover