

## **SD SARE Mini-grant Event reporting**

*South Dakota Specialty Producers Association, support to 2017 SD Local Foods Conference*

Type of Mini-grant Activity (please select one)

Short Workshop

Intermediate Length Workshop

*Multi-day Workshop; Pre-conference sessions November 1 & 2, Conference November 3 & 4*

Extended time Workshop

Single Day Field Day/Tour

Multiday Field Day/Tour

Extended Time field Day/Tour

Web-based Curricula

Print-based Curricula

Study Circle

Webinar

Webinar Series

Start Date *November 2, 2017*

End Date *November 4, 2017*

Location City *Spearfish*

Location State *South Dakota*

Location Zip *57783*

Professionals in attendance (Number)

- Extension 14

- NRCS 2

- NGO 19

- Agency 15

- Farmer/Rancher 90

- For Profit 18

- Other 11

- Other Description *professional chefs*

Action Outcomes (Number)

- Newsletters: *4, SDSPA quarterly newsletters to promote conference and to share events & outcomes*

- Answer Client Questions: *conducted during conference at each of the 7 pre-conference sessions, the 1 whole-group plenary sessions, and 23 breakout sessions, including a total of 42 speakers. These speakers were either paid a pre-negotiated fee*

*or were comped a 1-day conference registration on the day they spoke, in appreciation for their services.*

*- New Contacts: an estimated 50-75 people were new participants*

*- New Ideas: really hard to estimate, but the most concentrated effort on developing ideas for local community work on local foods came out of the Plenary session, which was facilitated by the Tallgrass Architects group.*

*- New Programming: an example is the discussion held between SD small meats and poultry producers and SD Dept of Ag, SDSU Extension, and SD Animal Industry Board reps regarding the need for more processing facilities, education, and information; another example is the focus adopted by the SD Agritourism working group with regards to SD's producers who are interested in pursuing information/development of new agritourism businesses and/or expansion of existing businesses*

*- Individual Consultations: These were consultations which I know to have been done: several were held by SD Value Added Ag Development staff with producers at the conference; at least two were held by Mitchell Tech Institute's instructor in Farm & Ranch Management; several were held by USDA NRCS reps on healthy soils related issues; several were held by the SD Audubon rep, by the Dakota Rural Action reps, and by SD Dept of Tourism and SD Dept of Agriculture reps, by USDA Rural Development staff, several held with the ancient grains Vendor "Belle Valley Ancient Grains" and the goat & sheep producers. As a result of the conference sessions, at least 2 participants have visited the 12 Month Greenhouse presenter at his business in Nebraska; a couple people have already visited the Black Hills-area home restaurants of several chefs showcased during the Friday Night Social; and there are plans to incorporate further small meats processing into a statewide spring workshop and also the development of an in-depth meat & dairy goats production seminar this spring in the eastern part of the state.*

*- Farmers Reached: at least 90 plus, directly. This estimate includes some of us who are both professionals and grower/producers. It does not include the fringe benefits of the info that will be exchanged back at professionals' work places and ensuing info transfer opportunities, within the participating tribes and tribal businesses, and the expansion and/or improvement and/or development of local foods businesses in the state.*

*- Other*

*- Other Description*