

***Missouri Rural Crisis Center  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting—August 21<sup>st</sup>!  
Organizing to Win: Impacting the Policies that Affect Our  
Farms, Food and Communities.***

***First Christian Church  
Downtown Columbia, MO  
101 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010  
10:00-3:00  
(Registration at 9:30)***

Please join us for MRCC's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting in Columbia, Missouri on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting is free of charge and open to the public--Please RSVP to MRCC (*see back for details*).

***A Few Highlights of the Meeting Include...***

- An Outstanding Lineup of Farm & Food Policy Experts including:
  - **Bill Bullard** is the **CEO of R-CALF USA**--the largest national cattle-producer organization in the U.S. that exclusively represents the live cattle segment. Bill is an expert on issues of corporate livestock concentration and will present the facts about USDA's new proposed rules on livestock competition and how we, as farmers and consumers, can influence the debate and rein in packer control of livestock.
  - **Melinda Hemmelgarn** is a registered dietitian, investigative nutritionist, and award-winning journalist. She connects the dots between food, health and agriculture, and helps consumers "think beyond their plates". With her husband, Dan, Melinda also produces ***Food Sleuth Radio*** at KOPN studios.
  
- Thought-provoking workshops with pertinent and timely topics and action-steps that you can take to improve YOUR Farm, YOUR Food and YOUR Community, including: ***Factory Farms: Their Impacts on Family Farms & the Environment***, ***Reaping the Benefits of Conservation on Your Farm***, ***Rural Healthcare Matters!***, and ***Growing Food Security in Mid-Missouri***. (*see back for workshop specifics*)

***Join us for an All Local Food Lunch  
featuring Patchwork Family Farms Pork  
and Locally Raised Produce!***

***Over Please!***

Annual Meeting workshops will provide an opportunity to hear from and ask questions to the experts, including—

- **Bill Bryan**, Deputy Director of the **MO Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** and Director of **MO State Parks** will address challenges facing Missouri's natural resources, including CAFOs, DNR oversight and funding for DNR and state parks.
- **NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service)** will provide the fundamentals on how farmers can access the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).
- **Amy Smoucha, Missouri Jobs with Justice**, will give us the facts about what is in the new healthcare law and how it will impact you, your family or your business.
- **MDA (Missouri Department of Agriculture)** unveils their new "Going Green on the Farm" Program that provides farm and home energy assessments, recommendations and financial assistance for non-CAFO livestock farms to become more energy efficient.
- **Growing Food Security in Mid-Missouri**--How to raise, source, store and preserve a bountiful supply of local food for your family, local economy and health.
- **And Much, Much More!**

**If You Care About:**

Supporting Missouri's Family Farms!  
Challenging Factory Farms!  
Preserving Our Natural Resources!  
Accessing Affordable, Healthy Food!

***This Meeting is for YOU!***

**What:** 2010 MRCC Annual Meeting: ***Organizing to Win: Impacting the Policies that Affect Our Farms, Food and Communities.***

**When:** Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10AM-3PM (registration begins at 9:30AM).

**Where:** First Christian Church, 101 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Downtown Columbia, MO.

Directions: Getting to the ***First Christian Church*** is very easy...  
From I-70 take the Rangeline Street Exit South.  
Take Rangeline until it ends at Rogers St. and go West (right)  
Make an immediate left on 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Go three blocks, and the First Christian Church will be on the NW corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and Walnut

**Please RSVP to:**

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