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FOR CALENDAR EDITORS

JUST FOOD PRESENTS

“FOOD JUSTICE AND THE PUBLIC GOOD: A New York City Summit on Farms and Food”

WHAT: Just Food, a non-profit organization that works to develop a just and sustainable food system in the New York City region, presents “**Food Justice and The Public Good: A New York City Summit on Farms and Food,**” a day-long marathon of workshops and roundtables bringing together farmers, consumers, and experts to share information, increase awareness about and find solutions to a number of issues pertaining to the city’s local food system. The event will end with a fine wine and cheese reception accompanied by live jazz.

Workshops and roundtables will focus on some of today’s hottest food topics – especially in the wake of the first U.S. case of Mad Cow disease – including nutrition, “slow food,” school lunch safety, GMOs, food irradiation, farmland preservation, and bringing farmers closer to consumers. Speakers will include a host of well-known personalities and experts, both local and national, from Savoy’s Executive Chef and head of Chef’s Collaborative **Peter Hoffman**, and **Dan Barber** of Blue Hill Restaurant, to **Bill Niman**, owner of Niman Ranch, a pioneer in naturally raising delicious beef, pork, and lamb, **Dr. Michael Hansen** of the Consumer Policy Institute, **Kathy Lawrence** of the National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture, and many more.

The Summit is co-sponsored by the Nutrition and Food Science, the Public Health Nutrition, and the Dietetic Internship programs at Hunter College for the City University of New York; the Global Resource Action Center for the Environment (GRACE); Heifer International Northeast Programs; WHY (World Hunger Year); The National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture; The Northeast Organic Farming Association of NY; Greenmarket; NY Farms; Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group, and Cornell University’s Community, Food, and Agriculture Program.

Just Food envisions a strong regional food system that incorporates a diversity of rural farms and a robust urban farming component, preserving ecosystems, promoting social justice and nutrition, and invigorating rural and urban economies. Just Food’s programs include **CSA in NYC**, the city’s only technical assistance and program development effort bringing Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) to NYC communities. CSA in NYC helps promote agricultural stability on a larger regional scale by connecting rural Northeast farmers with New Yorkers of all income levels. And **The City Farms** program, the city’s only program that is devoted entirely to increasing food production, marketing and distribution via community gardens throughout NYC.

WHEN: Saturday, January 24, 2004 from 8:30am to 6:00pm

WHERE: Brookdale Health Science Center of Hunter College (downtown campus)
425 25th Street (at 1st Avenue), New York – PARKING NEARBY

TICKETS: \$35 (discounted), \$50 (regular), \$75 (supporting). Pre-registration by January 15, 2004 required.

INFO: For a registration form or information: www.justfood.org, 212.645.9880 ext. 16, or info@justfood.org.

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