



MEDIA ALERT

It's Time to Talk

A Public Meeting to Discuss the Future of Agriculture, Family Farming and Healthy Living in Delta County

What: A coalition of organizations dedicated to sustainable agriculture, economically-viable farming practices and preserving the public health and stability of rural communities will hold an open forum called *Good Food, Responsible Agriculture & Preserving Our Rural Economy in Delta County*. Public Q&A to follow.

When: Thursday, February 13th, 2014 | 6:30-9:00 pm (MT)

Where: Memorial Hall, 175 N. 1st Street, Hotchkiss, CO 81419

Who: **Dr. John Ikerd, Keynote speaker**
Professor Emeritus, Agricultural Economics, University of Missouri

Speaker panel:

- Dr. Frank Stonaker: Farmer and former Professor of Horticulture (Specialty Crops), CSU
- Scott Horner: Farmer at Small Potatoes Farm
- Paolo Bacigalupi: Award-winning fiction author

Delta County is changing. It's no secret to residents of the Western Slope that living and livelihoods on this landscape are on the move. Issues of family-scaled farming and ranching, healthy living conditions, environmental safety, the push to produce sustainable "good" food and the introduction of industrial agriculture models are all up for public discussion and debate. No less than the future of the County, the State and the region lie in the balance.

Sponsored by the Western Slope Conservation Center, Western Colorado Congress, Valley Organic Growers Association and Socially Responsible Agricultural Project, ***Good Food, Responsible Agriculture & Preserving Our Rural Economy in Delta County*** will begin the conversation on this changing landscape -- our agricultural heritage.

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