# **Food Systems Resiliency Webinar Series**

#5 Thinking Inside the Box: Farm Boxes and Local Supply Chain Resilience during the Pandemic, September 8, 2020

This webinar provided information on new farm box models that have been created during the COVID-19 pandemic to support the viability of small farmers, improve food security, and increase the resilience of the local food supply chain.

## Moderator and speaker bios:

Dr. Lucy Diekmann lodiekmann@ucanr.edu is the Urban Agriculture and Food Systems Advisor in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. Lucy conducts research and educational programs to produce food in urban gardens and enhance food security and consumption of nutritious food for all community members.



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Program Director, Fresh Approach
Andy Ollove manages all aspects of Mobile
Farmers' Market team for Fresh Approach.
Andy has been working on food access
projects around the country since 2012.
Andy has worked on projects around the
country and in Mexico that create channels
to bring fresh and local produce to
underserved communities. In his time
working at Wholesome Wave, he developed
some of the first projects that introduced
Market Match-like programs into retail
grocery stores. He is excited to be
collaborating with partner organizations
and USDE to provide local food to those in

Farm Fresh Food Relief Program: <a href="https://farmfreshfoodrelief.org/">https://farmfreshfoodrelief.org/</a>



### Tim Page <u>tim@feedsonoma.com</u>

#### Co-founder, FEED Sonoma

Born in Southern California in 1968, Tim witnessed first-hand the demise of the local farming scene in Orange County during the 1970s. Having spent the first 12 years of his working life as an institutional stockbroker, Tim knows the importance of evolving the functionality of for-profit business. Blending the indigenous and ecologically-rooted philosophies learned during intense study with Hawaiian elders on the island of Maui, with the concept of generational succession experienced continuously since the birth of his two children in 2008 and 2010, FEED Sonoma was created in June 2011 as a direct manifestation of these learned intentions. Tim's work, and mantra, at FEED Sonoma is quite literally: Building the Foundation, together & for the children.

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#### Tania Zuñiga tania@kitchentableadvisors.org

#### Business Advisor, Kitchen Table Advisors

Some of Tania's fondest childhood memories (Lima, Peru) included school break family trips to visit her grandparents in a small town in the Central Andes. Tania's admiration and respect for nature coupled with a sense of responsibility to helping farmers secure their livelihoods made her decision to become an agronomist an easy one.

Internship opportunities on an organic farm in Pennsylvania and at ALBA in the Salinas Valley eventually brought Tania to the U.S. During her 10 years in the U.S., Tania has managed a 40-acre plant nursery and held the role of project manager at a landscaping company.

Interacting with and supporting Latino farmers and workers in many countries has shown Tania that similar challenges are experienced regardless of where you farm or work. Her commitment remains to addressing the numerous social and environmental injustices that many small, organic farmers and farmworkers face.

Through a non-CSA program farmers are connected to their communities.

Farm to My Neighborhood: <a href="https://www.terafarm.org/farmtomyneighbor">https://www.terafarm.org/farmtomyneighbor</a>

#### Odile Morrison odmo@comcast.net

#### **Board Member, CalaverasGROWN**

Odile Morrison set up and manages the Mobile Farmers' Market for CalaverasGROWN. She has also run the Farmers' Market in San Andreas, CA for several years. CalaverasGROWN is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization set up to assist local agricultural producers market their products and bring communities together for the support and growth of agriculture, agritourism, and preservation of open space in Calaveras County. Odile worked in the steel and tech industries in Europe and Australia before moving to the US in 2009. She has embraced life in rural Calaveras County and the opportunity to work with CalaverasGROWN to strengthen the local economy and increase access to the rich variety of food and artisanal products produced in her adopted home.

CalaverasGROWN Online Farmers' Market: www.calaverasgrown.org

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