

DEADLINE is **FERUARY 15**

Registration for the 5th Annual Immigrant and Minority Farmers Conference
Mail or deliver to Minnesota Food Association
14220-B Ostlund Trail North,
Marine on St.Croix, MN 55047

or

Association for the Advancement of Hmong Women of Minnesota
1101 North Snelling Ave, Suite 110
St. Paul, MN 55407

or Register online:
www.mnfoodassociation.org-- click on 5th Immigrant and Minority Farmers Conference.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

For Meals-how many people are in your group? _____

Do you need interpretation? YES or NO

What Language _____

Are you a farmer? _____

Where is your farm? _____

Are you with a sponsoring Agency? YES or NO

Which one? _____

This Conference is free for farmers! There is no registration fee for employees of sponsoring organizations. All others please register by paying \$30 for both days or \$20 for one day. You may pay online if you register online.

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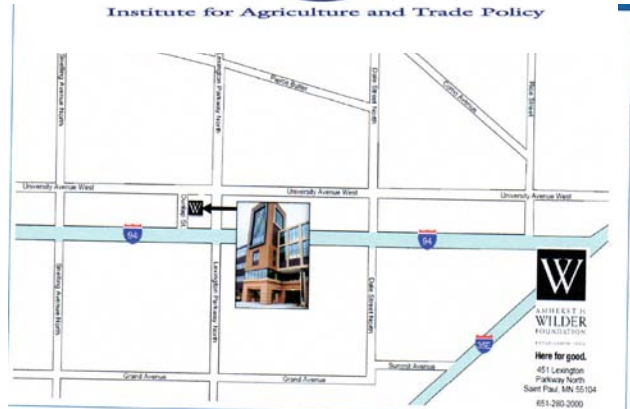
Helping you to grow profits on your small farm



February 19, 2010
8:30-5:00 pm
Lunch Included

February 20, 2010
8:30-4:00pm
Lunch included

At the
Wilder Foundation
451 Lexington Parkway North
St. Paul, MN 55104



The goal of this conference is to promote the success and viability of small and beginning minority and immigrant farmers. We want farmers to improve the success of their farming ventures and profits.

The agenda will include presentations from various farmers and agencies serving farmers. We focus on being as relevant as possible for farmers. Farmers are involved in the planning, presentations, participation and evaluation of the conference.

This is the 5th year of the conference and this year you can learn how soil nutrition can help you grow healthier plants, how to keep records so that you can apply for funding for your farm, and about marketing your produce to farmers markets and restaurants. There are 12 workshops to choose from.

Plan to attend all day on both days. There will not be any child care available during this conference.

This conference will be translated into several different languages. Please let us know what language you want on the registration form.

You can register online by going to www.mnfoodassociation.org and clicking on Register here for the 5th Immigrant and Minority Farmers Conference on the right hand side of the website.

Friday

8:00-9:00	Registration
9:00-10:00	Welcome and Presentations
10:00-11:00	Keynote Lee Pao Xiong Open Forum
11:00-12:00	Organic Growing Methods Begin With Your Soil
11:00-12:00	Getting Started with High Tunnels
12:00-12:30	Resource Room Exhibit
12:15-1:00	Lunch and Resource Room
1:00-2:00	Business Planning
1:00-2:00	Leasing Land
2:15-3:15	Livestock and Poultry Production
2:15-3:15	Marketing to Restaurants and Retail
3:15-4:00	Exhibit and Resource Room

Saturday

9:00-9:45	Keynote Senator Mee Moua
10:00-11:00	Traditional Produce
10:00-11:00	Urban Farming
11:00-11:30	Resource Room
11:30-12:30	Micro Irrigation
11:30-12:30	Starting Your Own CSA
12:30-1:30	Open Forum
1:45-2:45	Alternative Methods of Pest Management
1:45-2:45	How to Succeed at Farmers Markets
2:45-3:30	Awarding of Certificates

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Wilder Foundation

5th Immigrant and Minority Farmers Conference

Growing Profits on Your Small Farm

Save the Date

When: February 19-20, 2010

Where: Wilder Foundation Auditorium
Lexington Parkway N and University Ave. St. Paul, MN

Call for more information or to register:

Joci Tilsen, MN Food Association 651-433-3676 or
Ly Vang, Association for the Advancement of Hmong Women of MN
651-255-0799

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