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## **Farmer/Chef Collaborative to be held in Northern Idaho**

BOISE, ID (January 21, 2008)- Farmers, ranchers and chefs will have the unique opportunity to network while discussing better ways to bring fresh local agriculture products to local restaurants at the first-ever Farmer/Chef Collaborative.

Held in Coeur d'Alene (January 28) and Sandpoint (January 29), the half-day event, fashioned after the popular "speed dating" format, pairs buyers and sellers to facilitate one-on-one discussions to match needs and available resources.

The Coeur d'Alene-Sandpoint region boasts limitless opportunities for culinary tourism through a wide variety of dining options, ranging from high-end establishments to family style restaurants with great quality, service and appeal. Local restaurants are eager to capitalize on the growing culinary-tourism trend by offering unique, seasonal menus featuring only the freshest items available. In addition, the local food movement has succeeded in driving up demand and opportunity for local farm producers and the local economy.

The Farmer/Chef Collaborative includes a short program of speakers consisting of farmer/chef teams who have created profitable, lasting relationships.

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Networking opportunities will be available throughout the day, including a lunch of locally catered food to conclude the event, cosponsored by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and Rural Roots.

To register for the Farmer/Chef Collaborative, or to request more information, please contact Kim Polzin at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture at (208) 332-8532 or [kpolzin@agri.idaho.gov](mailto:kpolzin@agri.idaho.gov)

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