



“Approved Source” Round Table Discussion

The Local Food Advisory Council’s Ad Hoc Committee on Local Food Policy is hosting a round-table discussion about what it means to be an “*Approved Source*.”

4:00 to 6:00 PM Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Location: Agricultural Commissioner’s Office 1710 Soscol Ave, Napa

State law only allows retail food facilities (e.g. stores and restaurants) to utilize food from an “approved source.” The concept is simple -- food must be protected from contamination and traceable to its source -- but Napa County agencies charged with implementing the State law are grappling with ways it can be implemented to promote food safety *and* minimize unnecessary paperwork and confusion.

This round table discussion will focus on questions like: Who needs to be an Approved Source and why? How do I become an Approved Source? What is the application procedure and the cost? Do I get a certificate to show that my garden is “approved”? Are there opportunities to streamline our policies or procedures?

The Agricultural Commissioner and representatives from the County’s Department of Environmental Management will attend. For more information about the round table discussion or the ad hoc committee on local food policy, please email: hillary.gitelman@countyofnapa.org.