



Latest Podcast, Covid-19 and Food & Farming Tele-Town Hall & Call to Action

Greetings!



Today's Episode features Thomas McQuillan, Vice President of Strategy, Culture and Sustainability at Baldor Specialty Foods based in the Bronx, New York. Baldor may be the most innovative food service distributor on the East Coast. You'll hear about their impressive food waste reduction

programs and adaptation of their business during the pandemic. I believe you'll agree that it's inspiring.



California Food & Farming Network Town Hall (Tomorrow, Friday, May 1st 12-1 pm PDT)

I hope you will join me for a **Tele-Town Hall -- COVID-19 and the Food and Farming System: Building resilience during crisis**, hosted by the California

CFFN
CALIFORNIA FOOD + FARMING NETWORK
COVID-19 & THE FOOD & FARMING SYSTEM: A Tele-Town Hall on Building Resilience During Crisis
Friday, May 1st
12 - 1 pm



Food and Farming Network

(CFFN), a network of 60+ organizations across the state collaborating to advance an equitable food and farming system in California. We are a member of this coalition.

COVID-19 has exposed the fragility of our state's food and farming system, while highlighting the essential role that local farms, food banks, schools and food chain laborers play in times of need. Join us for a discussion with

- **Secretary of Agriculture Karen Ross,**
- **Director of Nutrition Services Division of the CA Department of Education Kim Frinzell,**
- **Assemblymember Buffy Wicks,** and
- **Senator Anna Caballero.**

Moderated by Jassy Grewal with United Food and Commercial Workers - Western States Council.

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Action Needed

Please Help Phase out Single-Use Plastic and Fund Compost and Healthy Soils!



Signature collecting for a ballot measure called the **California Recycling and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act** was three-quarters of the way to the finish line when the state's shelter-in-place started in March. To get the measure across the finish line, we need your help to safely collect signatures in time to qualify for the 2022 ballot.

We support the Act because it would put a fee on plastics products sold in California. The money collected would fund ocean cleanup, recycling, mitigation of the impacts of plastics pollution on disadvantaged communities. It would also provide millions of dollars every year to build compost facilities and give grants to farmers and ranchers for healthy soil and water-smart practices!

One of the leaders on this campaign is Californians Against Waste (CAW), a ROC partner and supporter of climate smart agriculture and composting.

Please take a few minutes to go to their webpage, print out the 8-page petition, and collect signatures from your family and trusted friends and neighbors. The deadline to mail signed petitions is June 19th. Here is the

Upcoming Episodes



May 14th

Joe and Julie Morris
Morris Grassfed



May 28th

Jack Algieri
The Farm at Stone Barns Center in
New York

Past Episode Making a Splash

We are proud of our Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Karen Ross. Yesterday, with Governor Gavin Newsom, she announced an unprecedented expansion and adaption of the Farm to Family Program to ensure more families get food from the fields that would otherwise go to waste.

Hear my January 2020 interview with her that reveals her forward, compassionate and enthusiastic vision for California agriculture as a solution to so many 21st century challenges.



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