Food Tank Summit
In Partnership with the Berry Good Food Foundation
San Diego, California
November 14th, 2018

8:30am, Breakfast and Registration

9:30am, Welcome and Introduction
  • Michelle Lerach, President, Berry Good Food Foundation
  • Danielle Nierenberg, President, Food Tank
  • Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher, Assemblywoman for District 80, California State Assembly

10:05am, A Fireside Chat with David Bronner, CEO, Dr. Bronner’s, moderated by Danielle Nierenberg

10:35am, Farmer Spotlight 1: Nate Looney, Farmer, Westside Urban Gardens

10:45am, Panel 1: Accounting for the True Cost of Food: Practices and Policies to Improve Sustainability
  Moderator: Mari Payton, Correspondent, NBC 7
  Panelists:
  • Michael Hamm, Senior Fellow, Center for Regional Food Systems, Michigan State University
  • Jennifer Burney, Associate Professor, School of Global Policy & Strategy, UC San Diego
  • Evelyn Rangel-Medina, Chief of Staff, Restaurant Opportunities Centers (ROC) United
  • Vince Hall, CEO, Feeding San Diego

11:35am, Break

11:50am Farmer Spotlight 2: Stepheni Norton, Owner, Dickinson Farms

12:00pm, Panel 2: Creating Better Storytelling Around Food and Agriculture
  Moderator: Danielle Nierenberg, President, Food Tank
  Panelists:
  • Michael Gardiner, Food Writer, San Diego CityBeat
  • Heather Lake, Broadcaster, Fox 5 San Diego
• Maria Hesse, Magazine Editor, Edible San Diego
• Michele Parente, Reporter, San Diego Union Tribune

12:50pm Lunch

1:50pm, Farmer Spotlight 3: Jessika Greendeer, Seed Keeper and Regenerative Farmer, Waxopini Wiwamasja (Nourishing Spirits)

2:00pm, Panel 3: Science –Ag – Tech Connect
Moderator: Michelle Lerach, President, Berry Good Food Foundation
Panelists:
• Sarah Mesnick, Ecologist, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries, and Adjunct Professor, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego
• Gabe Youtsey, Chief Innovation Officer, University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources
• Ryland Engelhart, Co-Founder, Kiss the Ground
• Alina Zo lotareva, Senior Marketing Manager and Product Champion, AeroFarms
• Josh Henretig, Senior Director, Al for Earth & Sustainability, Microsoft

2:50pm, Networking Break

3:20pm, Farmer Spotlight 4: Mannah Gbeh, Farmer-Owner Bee Valley Farm

3:30pm Panel 4: Farming for a Better Food System
Moderator: Michael Gardiner, Food Writer, San Diego CityBeat
Panelists
• Neil Nagata, President, San Diego County Farm Bureau
• Jenny Ramirez, Director of Human Resources, California Harvesters
• Rachel Surls, Sustainable Food Systems Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension Los Angeles County
• Jeff “Trip” Tripician, General Manager, Niman Ranch

4:20pm, Farmer Spotlight 5: Karen Archipley, Farmer-Owner, Archi’s Acres

4:35pm, A Fireside Chat featuring Keith Maddox, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council and local food system workers moderated by Danielle Nierenberg, President, Food Tank

5:05pm, Closing and Thanks