



Healthy Fields, Farmers, Futures: How Land Stewardship and Functioning Relationships Make
a Future Worth Wanting

Saturday, Jan. 26th 8:45am

About the Session:

Description: Healing land is the privilege of the land steward, and fortunately how to do that is not a mystery. It's following the historic templates of nature's bounty: moving animals, increasing hydration, building soil, and diversifying the landscape. None of that satisfies if things are not functional in the family and in the home. Caressing relationships ultimately trump hard-core farming how-to and makes a future worth wanting.

About the Speaker:

Joel Salatin, calls himself a Christian libertarian environmentalist capitalist lunatic farmer. Others who like him call him the most famous farmer in the world, the high priest of the pasture, and the most eclectic thinker from Virginia since Thomas Jefferson. Those who don't like him call him a bio-terrorist, charlatan, and starvation advocate. Whether heretic or prophet, his practical, can do solutions tied to passionate soliloquies for sustainability offer everyone food for thought and plans for action.

With 12 published books, and a thriving multi-generational family farm, he draws on a lifetime of food and farming experience to inspire audiences around the world. A wordsmith and master communicator, he moves audiences from laughs one minute to tears the next, from frustration to hopefulness. His favorite activity? – Q&A. "I love the interaction," he says.

He co-owns, with his family, Polyface Farm in Swoope, Virginia. Featured in the *New York Times* bestseller *Omnivore's Dilemma* and award-winning documentary *Food Inc.*, the farm services more than 5,000 families, 50 restaurants, 10 retail outlets, and a farmers' market with salad bar beef, pigator pork, pastured poultry, and forestry products. When he's not on the road speaking, he's at home on the farm, keeping the callouses on his hands and dirt under his fingernails, mentoring young people, inspiring visitors, and promoting local, regenerative food and farming systems.

Salatin is the editor of *The Stockman Grass Farmer*, granddaddy catalyst for the grass farming movement. He writes the *Pitchfork Pulpit* column for *Mother Earth News*, as well as numerous guest articles for *ACRES USA*. His books include:

- *Salad Bar Beef* (1996). ISBN 978-0-9638109-1-5
- *Pastured Poultry Profits* (1996). ISBN 978-0-9638109-0-8
- *You Can Farm: The Entrepreneur's Guide to Start & Succeed in a Farming Enterprise* (1998). ISBN 978-0-9638109-2-2
- *Family Friendly Farming: A Multigenerational Home-Based Business Testament* (2001). ISBN 978-0-9638109-3-9
- *Holy Cows And Hog Heaven: The Food Buyer's Guide To Farm Friendly Food* (2005). ISBN 978-0-9638109-4-6
- *Everything I Want To Do Is Illegal: War Stories From the Local Food Front* (2007). ISBN 978-0-9638109-5-3
- *The Sheer Ecstasy of Being a Lunatic Farmer* (2010). ISBN 978-0-9638109-6-0
- *Folks, This Ain't Normal: A Farmer's Advice for Happier Hens, Healthier People, and a Better World.* Center Street. 2011. ISBN 978-0-89296-819-0.
- *Fields of Farmers: Interning, Mentoring, Partnering, Germinating* (2013). ISBN 978-0-9638109-7-7
- *The Marvelous Pigness of Pigs* (2016).^[15] ISBN 978-1455536979
- *Your Successful Farm Business: Production, Profit, Pleasure* (2017). ISBN 978-0-96381-098-4

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