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First Woman Ag Commissioner Opens Montrose Ag Conference

Newly appointed Commissioner of Colorado Agriculture, Kate Greenberg will welcome attendees to the 7th annual Western Colorado Food and Farm Forum at the Montrose Pavilion on Saturday, January 26th. This address will offer a first glimpse into her focus for Colorado Agriculture.

Greenberg is the first woman to head the Colorado Department of Agriculture and hails from Western Colorado. Since 2013 she had served as the Western Program Director for the National Young Farmers Coalition, based in Durango. “We are excited to provide a platform for one of Commissioner Greenberg’s very first opportunities to connect with producers since being appointed,” says conference organizer Carol Parker.

Joel Salatin, “the most famous farmer in America”, follows Greenberg later in the day. Salatin answers why the question, "What's for dinner?" is so important to your health and the health of the planet. Salatin is the author of 12 books, such as *Fields of Farmers*, *Everything I want to Do is Illegal*, and *Folk This Ain't Normal*.

He provides a humorous and thoughtful romp through our food and farming system to better connect with your everyday food choices. His community presentation takes place Saturday, at 4:30 p.m., January 26th at the Montrose Pavilion and is entitled, “Dancing with Dinner: Healing the nutritional Deficit in the Urban, Rural Divide.

These presentations are part of the Western Colorado Food and Farm Forum, an agriculture conference. Over 2 days attendees tap into a wide variety of regionally specific information about innovative crop, livestock, specialty crop, marketing and management information.

The event is organized collaboratively by the Valley Food Partnership, Shavano Valley Conservation District, CSU Extension, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, ENGAGE and National Young Farmers Union.

Register at www.foodfarmforum.org or call (970) 765-6170.