



Dancing with Dinner: Healing the Nutritional Deficit in the Urban Rural Divide

Saturday, Jan. 26th 4:30pm

About the Session:

As a self described “lunatic libertarian environmentalist capitalistic Christian farmer,” Salatin is known as the “most famous farmer in America.” He mixes mischievous humor with hard-hitting information to inspire, explore and defend intriguing alternatives to the conventional food system. Healing the disconnect between consumers and their food has been a mission successfully accomplished on his own farm that serves 2,000 families, 25 restaurants, and 10 retail outlets. With a passion for ethically raised, nutritious food and land stewardship based on the practices of Holistic Management, farmers and consumers can regain their dinner partner by following Salatin’s lead.

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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