

Third Annual Northeast USA Rice Conference

Draft Agenda

9:00am-4:00pm, August 4, 2012

- 8:00-9:00am Registration
- 9:00-9:10am Introduction (Mia Murphy, Outreach Coordinator)
- 9:10-9:40am NSF grant and Cornell rice research (Susan McCouch, Professor, Plant Breeding and Genetics, Cornell University)
- 9:40-10:10am Breeding of purple, aromatic rice for the Northeast (Sandy Harrington, Technician, Plant Breeding and Genetics, Cornell University)

The morning session will focus on rice cuisine, culture, and history within the United States and internationally.

- 10:10-10:55am Rice cuisine and culture from an international perspective (Naomi Duguid, author, Seductions of Rice)
- 10:55-11:15am Break
- 11:15-12:00pm Carolina Gold rice and the history and culture of rice farming in South Carolina (Glenn Roberts, Founder and Seedsman, Anson Mills)

Lunch will feature various ethnic rice dishes and chefs will be available during the break to answer questions or discuss their dishes.

- 12:00-2:00pm Lunch Break
12:00-12:30pm Chefs' Presentations: menu and cultural background
12:30-1:30pm Lunch
1:30-2:00pm Rice Paddy Tour: Takeshi Akaogi will be available to answer questions at the rice paddy site.

The afternoon session will focus on general rice agriculture issues and what has been learned from researchers and farmers in the United States.

- 2:00-3:00pm Farmers' Exchange featuring short presentations about farmers experimenting with rice in the northeastern United States (TBD – *if you are interested in participating please contact Mia Murphy*)
- 3:00-3:45pm Breeding and development of seed stock for organic rice production (Anna McClung, Research Leader, USDA Agricultural Research Service, Dale Bumpers National Rice Research Center)
- 3:45-4:00pm Closing and Group Photo