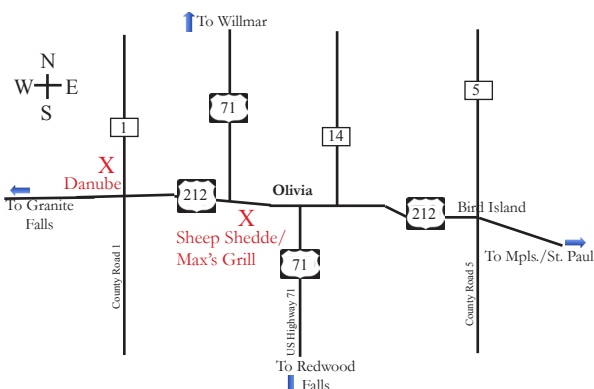
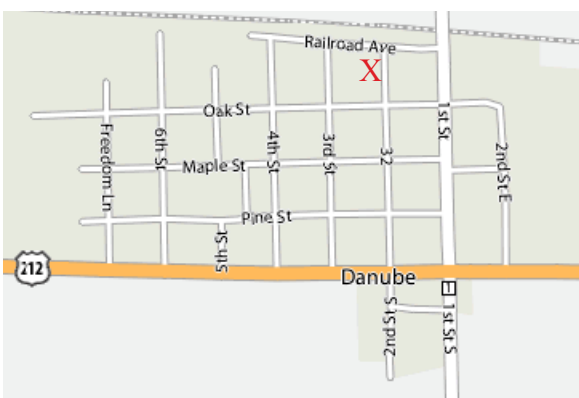


Directions to Danube, Minnesota

Danube is located approximately 100 miles west of the Twin Cities on the junction of US Highway 212 and Renville County Road 1



Hotel Accommodations are available at the Sheep Shedde Inn/Max's Grill located in Olivia, MN - four miles east of Danube on U.S. Highway 212. Please call 320-523-5000 to make reservations.



The Danube Community Center is located at 405 Main Street, approximately three blocks north on Main Street (2nd Street) off of U.S. Highway 212 in Danube.

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Raising & Marketing Locally GROWN Conference



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November 16, 2007

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Danube Community Center
405 Main Street
Danube, MN

Target Audience: Current & beginning farmers, local elected officials, community & economic development professionals, and interested citizens

Presented By:
Renville County HRA/EDA & West Central MN Regional Sustainable Development Partnership

Registration Form:

Raising and Marketing Locally GROWN

November 16, 2007

Registration Fees and Deadlines:

The registration rate is \$25.00 per individual & \$15.00 for each additional person from a business or family. **Registration deadline is Tuesday, November 13, 2007.**

Seating is limited - Please register early!

Attendee Information:

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c/o Raising & Marketing Locally GROWN
500 E. DePue Avenue
Olivia, MN 56277

Please enclose your check made payable to
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What are you most interested in taking away from this conference?



Raising and Marketing Locally GROWN

Agenda ♦ 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Friday, November 16, 2007

A conference that explores opportunities to diversify crop and livestock operations, marketing opportunities for locally GROWN, and ways local government can support new markets and farming opportunities.



- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Refreshments
- 8:45 a.m. **Welcome & Introductions** – Chris Hettig, Renville County HRA/EDA
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Key Note – **Changing Consumer Trends: What are the Marketing Opportunities for Locally GROWN** – Maggie Adamek, Senior Analyst - Food, Sustainability and Wellness, U of M Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships
- 9:30 a.m. **Organic Crops** – Don Wyse, Professor, U of M, Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics; Carmen Fernholz, A-Frame Farms near Madison, MN and Coordinator of Organic Crops Research at Southwest Research/Outreach Center
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. **Vegetable Produce for Commercial and Local Markets** – Terry Nennich, Regional Extension Educator, Horticulture, U of M Extension and Ter-Lee Gardens near Bagley, MN
- 11:15 a.m. **Fruit and Wine Grapes** – Jim Luby, Professor, U of M, Department of Horticulture Sciences; Dick Hagen, Renville County Grape Grower
- 12 Noon Lunch and Key Note – **What can County and Local Governments do to support New Markets and New Farming Opportunities?** – Robert Marqusee, Director, Rural Economic Development for Woodbury County, IA
- 1:30 p.m. **Organic/Grass Based Dairy and Livestock.** Livestock in general – Wayne Martin, Program Director, Alternative Livestock Systems, U of M Extension
Michael Schneider – Schneider Farms, Organic Farmer
Terry VanDerPol – Land Stewardship Project’s Community Based Food Systems Program Director
Steve Zenk – Owner & Operator of Zenk Farm & Prairievine Vineyard and Farm Business Management Instructor, Ridgewater College - Olivia Site
- 2:30 p.m. **Institutional Marketing Opportunities** – Jim Ennis, Program Director, Food Alliance Midwest
- 3:15 p.m. **Wrap-up, comments, and evaluation/survey for future topics** – Chris Hettig, Renville County HRA/EDA

