THE FOOD ALMANAC: ARE GOOD, CLEAN, AND FAIR FOOD AND FARMING TRUMPED?

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Since 1818, farmers have relied on the Farmers’ Almanac for uncannily accurate weather predictions to inform their planting, harvesting, and day-to-day living. In 2017, Slow Food New York City will sponsor the Seventh Food Almanac, a food and farming prognostication inspired by the Farmers’ Almanac.

The Food Almanac is a singular opportunity for food-active individuals to consider food and farming policy issues in the New Year. At first glance, food and farming seem to be an afterthought in the Trump administration. But, the Republican Congress is entertaining big changes in food and farm policies and counting on the President and the new USDA Secretary to make them happen....

- Will the historic Farm Bill alliance of farmers and anti-hunger advocates survive? (And what about SNAP?)
- Will School Lunch reforms and Nutrition Standards stand?
- Will the administration get real on undocumented farmworkers?
- Which Food Safety and Environmental Regulations will go, and how fast?

Big Questions! To help answer them, our panel of experts will speculate on the year coming and suggest how each of us can engage on the issues. The Food Almanac is NOT just Food for Thought. Attendees also will enjoy networking, local wine and beer, and delicious seasonal snacks.

Panel:
Mary Jo Dudley, Director, Cornell Farmworker Program
Pam Koch, Executive Director/Associate Research Professor, Columbia Teachers’ College and Executive Director, Laurie M. Tisch Center for Food Education & Policy
Reana Kovalcik, Associate Director of Communications and Development, National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
Josh Morgenthau, Farmer, Fishkill Farms
Margot Pollans, Assistant Professor of Law, Pace university, Faculty Director, Pace-NRDC Food Law Initiative

Moderator:
Mary Cleaver, Snail of Approval Winning Restaurateur and Caterer and SFNYC SnailBlazer and Advisory Committee Member

Host Committee:
Hilary Baum, Project Director, Energy and Environment, American Sustainable Business Council, Founder and Director, Baum Forum, and President, Public Market Partners
Fern Gale Estrow, President, FGE Food & Nutrition Team Consulting

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017
Time: 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM
Location: Brooklyn Winery, 213 North 8th St. (btwn. Driggs & Roebling), Brooklyn, 11211

Tickets (at Event Brite https://www.eventbrite.com/d/ny--new-york/events/):
- Slow Food Members - $45*
- Non-members - $50*

Proceeds from this unique, informative, and fun event will benefit Urban Harvest, the SFNYC program of good food education for New York City children at 16 schools around the City and on a tuition-free, educational, urban farm in East New York, Brooklyn. *Can’t attend? You can still support SFNYC at https://www.nycharities.org/give/donate.aspx?cc=2740.