Growing Entrepreneurs
A Series of Presentations & A Panel Discussion -- Glenn Auditorium, Robert A. Dempster Hall, 3 - 7 p.m.

There was a time when family farms dominated American agriculture. As the U.S. grew, many small farms were lost to development or consolidation. Today, thanks to consumer awareness about food contamination, rising production costs and environmental concerns, markets are emerging for locally grown food products and organic foods that may provide a substantial opportunity for growing entrepreneurs.

Living Off the Land: Choosing Organic Entrepreneurship
Micah and Julie Janzow, Janzow Farms
3 - 3:30 p.m.

Food vs. Fuel: Choices and Trends
Dr. Indi Braden, professor, Department of Agriculture
3:30 - 4 p.m.

Keynote Address
Regulation and Oversight of Food Supply
Don Steen, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture
4 - 4:25 p.m.

Break: Local Growers Display/Refreshments Provided by Chartwells
4:25 - 4:40 p.m.

Lending During Economic Downturns,
Mark Weidenbenner, vice president and branch manager; and Stephanie Burger, loan officer;
Progressive Farm Credit Services
4:40 - 5:10 p.m.

Panel Discussion
Moderator: Tish Johnson, University of Missouri Extension
5:10 - 5:45 p.m.

Global Food Supply Trends: Global Crisis?
Dr. Paul Schnare, professor, Department of Agriculture
5:45 - 6:15 p.m.

Moving Forward: Growing Entrepreneurs through Marketing of Products
United States Department of Agriculture
6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Wrap-Up
6:45 - 7 p.m.

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