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Pasco Extension Office Hosting Local Food System Conference

~~Conference will feature locally-sourced chef's brunch, Saturday, October 20, 2018~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- UF/IFAS [Pasco County Cooperative Extension Service](#) is hosting a **Pasco Local Food System Conference** on **Saturday, October 20, 2018** from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Pasco-Hernando State College East Campus, located at 36727 Blanton Road, Dade City, Florida.

The conference will appeal to those interested in small farm/crop service, economic development, agriculture, alternative crops, health and nutrition, and the components of the local food system.

A delicious, locally-sourced brunch featuring fresh farm salad, grass-fed beef tips and kumquat-inspired dessert will be provided by Benny Pumo, restaurateur and chef at Benedetto's in Land O' Lakes. (View the full [menu](http://bit.ly/2NswLrb) here: <http://bit.ly/2NswLrb>.)

Concurrent educational sessions will cover topics related to:

- Growing Hops in Florida
- Brewing Beer in Tampa Bay
- Raising Eggs in Pasco
- Growing Peaches & U-Pick
- Kumquat Production
- Beef Production in Pasco
- Starting a Small Farm
- Local Impact of Food Systems
- Growing Greens Locally
- Blueberry Production in Pasco

The cost is \$40 per person, which includes brunch and educational sessions. Parking is free. Seating is limited, and registration ends October 18, 2018.

To register, please go to: <https://pascolocalfoodconferencebrunch.eventbrite.com>

The Pasco County Cooperative Extension Service assists Pasco County residents by developing and delivering practical, educational programs in environmental horticulture; sustainable agriculture; 4-H and youth development; and family and consumer sciences. For more information, including volunteer opportunities, visit our website: <http://bit.ly/2iB6040> or call us at 352.518.0156.

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