

Food Secure Saskatchewan is planning 2 interactive conferences around local food security issues and challenges from farm-gate to table—one at SIAST in Moose Jaw on October 2-3 and one in LaRonge on October 22-23. This year's theme is ***Growing Together in Saskatchewan***. Both conferences will be preceded by Food for Thought workshops and tours (October 1 in Moose Jaw and October 21 in LaRonge).

Conference topics will range from broad discussion about the current direction of the industrial food system and alternatives, to practical hands-on workshops about preserving, gardening, local market options and healthy eating choices.

We'd like to invite you to share your suggestions and ideas for topics for workshops, keynote speakers, panelists and presenters. Please include in your proposal the following: a working title, name of presenter, description and objective, and if there is an opportunity for audience participation and interaction. You proposals can be sent to [connectingasneighbours@sasktel.net](mailto:connectingasneighbours@sasktel.net) , the deadline is May 15, 2009.

The conference planning committee will review proposals and suggestions for speakers. Please note that although not all workshop ideas submitted will necessarily fit into the conference agenda, we will be developing a list of speakers for potential regional workshops throughout the year.