

Dear Friend,

There are many opportunities to connect with the Round the Bend (RTB) Farm crew this week. Livestock farmer and Farm Manager Geoff Kinder will be speaking at this week's Westport Film Series installment, Farmageddon, Thursday, August 21st starting at 7:00pm at the Dedee Shattuck Gallery in Westport. Liz Wiley, RTB Farm Program Manager, will be hosting a workshop on preparing Raw Foods From The Garden at the Grange Kitchen in Russells Mills on Saturday, August 23rd at 9:00am. AND you can connect with the whole crew at this month's Open Market Day - this Saturday, August 23rd, from 12 - 6PM.

The highlights include:

- Tomatoes, black berries, onions, chard, mixed herb bundles and other seasonal veggies from Produce farmer Ashley Brister.
- Non-GMO sausage, grass-fed beef in several cuts and ground, and potatoes from Livestock farmer and farm manager Geoff Kinder.
- Hana's Honey from Lucy Tabit
- Farm Tour's at 2pm and 4pm, both start at the barn. They are a great opportunity to get to know the farm and hear about our future goals.

The Marion Institute's Connecting for Change conference is fast approaching and here at RTB, we are especially excited by keynote speaker, esteemed author, lecturer, and one of America's most influential farmer, Joel Salatin! Salatin and his family own and run Polyface Farm, which is located in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley.

RTB's Farm Manager, Geoff Kinder, emulates many of Salatin's practices – from rotational grazing to nutrient cycling, and use of easily movable electric fencing for proficient pasture rotation. This style of farming creates healthier pastures, animals, and people by using the behavior of each species on the farm to improve the conditions for the next animals in line, resulting in pasture that becomes more productive with subsequent years. Farmer's that follow Salatin's lead often say they are growing pasture, not animals --- this is additive farming at its best.

To hear Joel Salatin in person, along with a dozen other Food and Farming speakers, register for the conference.

With gratitude,

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