Local Harvest and Community Garden Expo

Sponsored by the USDA-HSI National Program and SDSU-Imperial Valley Campus Partnership in collaboration with the Neighborhood House of Calexico

Thursday – May 3, 2012
10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

hosted at SDSU-IVCampus in Calexico, CA

The outdoor farmers market will promote healthy eating choices to students, faculty/staff, and the community it serves. It will bring the small-scale family farmers experience on-Campus and provide access to local fruits and vegetables through producer-to-consumer market opportunities. And, it will educate, showcase, and inspire backyard growers and neighborhood community gardens that create an edible landscape, with recommendations of home-grown crop varieties and planting strategies to better manage your natural resources.

Did You Know? The Neighborhood House of Calexico was awarded the USDA-AMS / Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) to increase domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding producer-to-consumer market opportunities near their Mission Thrift Store in El Centro, CA.

Did you know? There is a community garden in the Imperial Valley at 6th Street & Yucca Drive in El Centro, CA. The raised beds of local fruits and vegetables are grown by volunteers in the rural community.

Did You Know? Imperial County is surrounded by rich agricultural fields and is commonly ranked among the Top 10 Agricultural Counties in the United States by its gross value of agricultural production of over $1.5 billion; which leading commodities are Cattle, Leaf Lettuce, Alfalfa, Head Lettuce, Onions, Broccoli, Sugarbeets, Carrots, Cantaloupes, and Sudangrass Hay.

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