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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICES

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (Nov. 5, 2008) – The Ohio Food Policy Council’s **Healthy Food Access Task Force** will meet Friday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. - noon at the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Bromfield Administration Building, Room 308, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The purpose of the meeting is to provide those in need with greater access to fresh and nutritious food.

The Ohio Food Policy Council’s **Agricultural Viability Task Force** will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Bromfield Administration Building, Seminar Room A, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the protection of Ohio farmland and water resources by encouraging the growth of food products in Ohio.

The Ohio Food Policy Council’s **Food Assessment Task Force** will meet Friday, Nov. 21, from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Bromfield Administration Building, Room 308, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The purpose of the meeting is to collect and analyze information on food production and processing as well as patterns of food consumption in Ohio.

The Ohio Food Policy Council’s **Market Connections Task Force** will meet Monday, Dec. 8, from 2 – 4 p.m. at the North Market, 59 Spruce St., Columbus, Ohio. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss ways to help farmers and businesses market their food products and develop ways to link producers and consumers in local food systems.

The **Ohio Food Policy Council** will meet Monday, Dec. 1, from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Bromfield Administration Building, Auditorium A, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The purpose of the meeting is to carry out an ongoing public/private collaboration to capitalize on the state’s potential for increasing the percentage of food grown, processed and consumed in Ohio. The council will also help assure all Ohioans have access to fresh and healthy foods, increasing the economic, environmental and health benefits to the state.

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