

Marks Remarks by Mark Rowen Lincoln County Educator 4-29-08

Interested in encouraging local food production and consumption? You are invited to an organizational meeting to start a “Buy Fresh Buy Local” chapter in South Dakota, sponsored by the South Dakota Specialty Producers Association. The first meeting will be held in Brookings, SD at the Brookings County Extension Center, located in the Swiftel Center, Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00 pm. Similar meetings will also take place in succeeding weeks in Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, and Vermillion.

“Buy Fresh Buy Local” is a national program (see <http://foodroutes.org>) to provide local producers and consumers a cost effective, proven campaign to increase the awareness and purchase of locally produced food and specialty food products. All interested producers and consumers should plan to attend and make this endeavor a success. **For further information, contact Patrick Garrity at 605-660-1034 or garrity@iw.net**

MONEY ADVENTURES FOR KIDS

is a fun and interactive new program designed to provide kids ages 10 – 12 with the financial tools they need to be financially free and healthy. Information covered includes the importance of saving and investing (including why it’s best to start early in life), wants versus needs, creating a budget, the meaning of debt / credit, and entrepreneurial basics. Participants will gain the skills to manage their money now and will be prepared before they start earning bigger paychecks as teenagers and adults.

The program will run from 9 am – 3 pm on June 12 in Tea City Hall (west of Sunshine Foods). The cost of the program is \$10 which includes materials and lunch. The program is limited to 20 participants. A \$5 deposit will be required. If cost is prohibiting your child’s attendance, scholarships may be available. To register for *Money Adventures*, or for more information contact Mark at the Extension Office at 764-2756. Register early since participation is limited.