

Goal: Faculty and staff exchanges are powerful learning opportunities, both for the host and visiting members. The benefits of these exchanges can be shared with others. The WCMER would like to support this second level learning by posting Staff Exchange Report Outs on our website. We believe that the following template will help in planning for, participating during, and following up after an Exchange.

Please take the time to fill out the following information, deleting this introductory text and the explanatory information in *italics*. When completed, please email it and any other documents, photos, or videos you would like to share to the Center Director (gaolach@wsu.edu).

Title	<p>Urban Ag and Local Food Staff Exchange between Ohio State University and Colorado State University Denver Extension</p> <p>Brian Kleinke participated in an urban staff exchange program between Ohio State University and Colorado State University as part of the Western Center for Metropolitan Extension and Research (WCMER)'s formal Staff Exchange Program. Brian visited Denver and met with the Denver Extension County Director, Rusty Collins, and the Denver Horticulture Agent, Dan Goldhamer. An urban ag tour was conducted where Brian met some of Denver Extension's key partners in the urban ag and local food community including ReVision (a local coop), Denver Urban Gardens, Denver Botanic Gardens and the Growhaus. Brian shared the details of his roles and job at OSU and CSU shared information about the local food system, organizational partners, delivery of daily programs and plans for the future.</p>	
Exchange Information	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Host Program</u></p> <p>City: Denver <i>Urban Agriculture/local food systems</i> Staff Name(s): Rusty Collins, Denver Extension Director, and Robert Franklin, Denver 4-H Agent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Visiting Staff</u></p> <p>City: Columbus Program Area: <i>Urban Agriculture/local food systems</i> Staff Name(s): Brian Kleinke</p>
Duration	<p><i>The exchange will take place over a two possibly three day period</i></p>	
Program Change	<p><i>Taking away information from Denver, Colorado and how their urban ag/local food systems programming works, will be beneficial to give new avenues for thought and processes that can be implemented in Columbus, Ohio.</i></p> <p>Before the exchange I have expectations of network creation, establishing avenues of collaboration and thought exchange on how we can work together to solve urban food system issues.</p>	
Objectives / Goals	<p><i>Develop prior to Exchange, what you plan to accomplish (Add as needed).</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expansion of colleague network 2. New avenues for collaboration 3. New avenues for thought exchange, program planning, and evaluation 4. Learn more about Denver local food systems and Colorado State University involvement 5. Meet supporting organizations and non-profits 	

Actions / Activities	<p><i>Should be goal specific: what you did on the Exchange. Maybe provide pictures or videos if appropriate. Add space as needed.</i></p> <p>Goal 1: Meet with community leaders</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Had the chance to engage in conversation with grass roots non-profit organizations who are deeply engaged and leaders in the community of urban agriculture. 2. Exchange ideas and conversation with Denver Extension
Outcomes	<p><i>Again, goal specific. What you learned on the Exchange / take away messages to share with others. Add space as needed.</i></p> <p>The outcomes from this exchanged are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learned about how a local food system is being assessed and implemented in Denver, Colorado 2. Met with NPO organizations to learn about their involvement, goals, and objectives within the local food system. 3. Learned and compared the similarities and differences of urban agriculture between Columbus, Ohio and Denver, Colorado. 4. Formed a deeper understanding for how Cooperative Extension operates in both states. 5. Assessed and compared the similarities and differences of community members needs in the vastly different urban settings.
Resources Developed / Acquired	<p>The sharing of resources has been discussed more post visit, then during the visit. I supplied my CSU colleagues with portfolios that displayed my work, and the work of Franklin County as a team.</p>
Reflection	<p>This was a very worthwhile experience. To have the ability to meet with colleagues not just different extension services (i.e., state, county, etc.) but to understand their constraints, strengths, and weaknesses with regard to community challenges, environmental challenges, funding challenges, etc. allowed me to begin to form a more “global” view of extension, our work, and how to best collaborate with colleagues.</p> <p>Urban agriculture in Columbus, Ohio is booming with a lot of community interest and support. The food system in Columbus is building in to what is common place in Colorado. Local food systems in Colorado are the norm, seeing very few fast food restaurants, yet, an abundance of “slow food” restaurants. Both cities working toward the same goal, to build resilient, sustainable, local food systems, but coming from two very different schools of thought. The Ohio State University Extension Franklin County is the standard for fact based resource information and education to the urban farm community simply because OSUE Franklin County was the key driving force behind urban agriculture in Columbus.</p> <p>Colorado State University Denver Extension is in quite a different position. With aged grassroots organizations that have been around decades and with the inherent tradition of local foods in Colorado, CSU Extension is one of many working in urban agriculture education. There is a lot that can be shared, learned, and collaborated on between the two Extension services between Colorado State and Ohio State in the future.</p>