Innovator Lightning Round Announced for 2018 Midwest Food Recovery Summit

The IWRC has just announced that the 2018 Midwest Food Recovery Summit will again host an Innovator Lightning Round and this year, with sponsorship from the University of Northern Iowa's Center for Business Growth and Innovation (CBGI), the winner of the 2018 Innovator Lightning Round will walk away with $1,000.

From now until Tuesday, July 17, businesses, non-profits, and entrepreneurs can submit their innovative food waste solution for the contest. Accepted solutions will be part of an online voting period where innovators recruit clients, friends, family, long-lost relatives - everyone they know, to vote for their solution. The innovator with the highest number of votes gets an automatic invitation to take the stage at the Midwest Food Recovery Summit on Thursday, September 13, 2018 in Des Moines, IA, with five other innovators invited by the summit committee. Learn More

Early Bird Registration Ends Next Month
The Midwest Food Recovery Summit is taking place September 11-13, 2018 in Des Moines, IA, and early bird registration will be ending next month. Be sure to register by July 13 to save $100 on your registration. Check out speakers and the schedule here.

Iowa Craft Brew Festival + A Winning Brewery
On Saturday, June 16th, we were excited to attend and be a sponsor at the 8th annual Iowa Craft Brew Festival in Des Moines, hosted by the Iowa Brewers Guild. Showcasing the IWRC's Iowa Green Brewery Certification program, at our table, festival attendees had the chance to vote for their favorite certified Iowa Green Brewery!

Read More and See Who Won
Food Waste Posters for Schools
The USDA project* is in full swing as we continue to work with rural K-12 schools across Iowa conducting waste audits, training kitchen staff, and providing strategies to help prevent and reduce food waste. Each district we have worked with has received posters to hang up in their cafeteria and based on demand, we’re making these available to anyone!

Elementary School Poster | Middle School Poster | High School Poster

EPA SMM Introducing the US EPA Excess Food Opportunities Map
July 12 | Webinar

EMS In-Depth Workshop
August 1 | Johnston, IA

Midwest Food Recovery Summit
September 11 - 13 | Des Moines

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EPA Introducing the US EPA Excess Food Opportunities Map
This national, interactive map can help you save money, feed people, and keep food out of landfills identifying more than 500,000 potential generators of excess food (e.g. correctional facilities, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, hospitality industry, food manufacturers and processors, and food wholesalers and distributors) and estimated generation quantities, as well as over 4,000 potential recipients of excess food (e.g. anaerobic digestion and composting facilities, food banks). The map can help users identify potential sources of food for rescue; potential feedstocks for compost and anaerobic digestion; potential infrastructure gaps for managing excess food; and, alternatives to sending food to landfill. View the Map | Register for EPA Webinar

Iowa DNR Air Quality News

- Air quality permits under review
- No Air Quality Fee Changes for Upcoming Fiscal Year
- DNR Online Application System for Air Quality Permits Moves Forward
Industry Experts Weigh In on How Technology Can Help Reduce Food Waste

RTS Teams with Washington Nationals to Reduce Gameday Waste

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