

Food And Farms Summit Focuses On Hunger, Health

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choices. We have banished seasonality. We can have anything

we want any time we want it. "So it comes as a shock to these (foreigners) when they find out that we have people in this

country who suffer from hunger," Jolly said. Lack of money and physical mobility are the chief reasons

some people are cut off from food choices, according to Jolly.

While "capitalism and democracy has produced abundance," he said, our food distribution system is failing to meet its democratic principle of offering maximum choice to individuals.

"If we have the precondition for the individual to flourish, why can't we make that happen in our society?"

According to Jolly, the average CEO in the U.S. makes about 2,000 times as much money as a factory line worker. "One has to wonder if that's a democratic society," he said.

But Jolly also pointed out forces that are at work to solve problems in the food system. These include the rapid, recent growth of the small farm movement and local food initiatives across the country.

"The overall movement is alive and throbbing with optimism," he said. "We need to catch and ride this wave."

The USDA had spent much of the 20th century "expediting small farmers from their farms in the name of 'bread for the world,'" Jolly said.

Then, in 1997, a group of black farmers from the South sued the USDA for policies they claimed were discriminatory against small-scale producers. In response, Dan Glickman, U.S. secretary of agriculture at the time,

began to change USDA policy with respect to different scales of farming. In 1998, he started the USDA Small Farm Commission, claiming it was "time to act," to reverse the trends of the 20th century. The resulting Small Farm Policy "laid out a major change in USDA philosophy and approaches," Jolly said.

Various initiatives were launched to help small farmers, including the Fund for Rural America and the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) project.

While these programs are a step in the right direction, Jolly said that much more must be done to provide direct assistance to small farm innovators, and to "craft a strategy to allow farmers to make investments to get them over a hump."

"Small farmers need to be on the cutting edge of change just like big companies. We have come a long way since 1997, but we still have a long way to go," he said.

Jolly called the expanding organic movement and this year's release of national organic rules by the USDA a "good step," but warned against the ills this growth could bring.

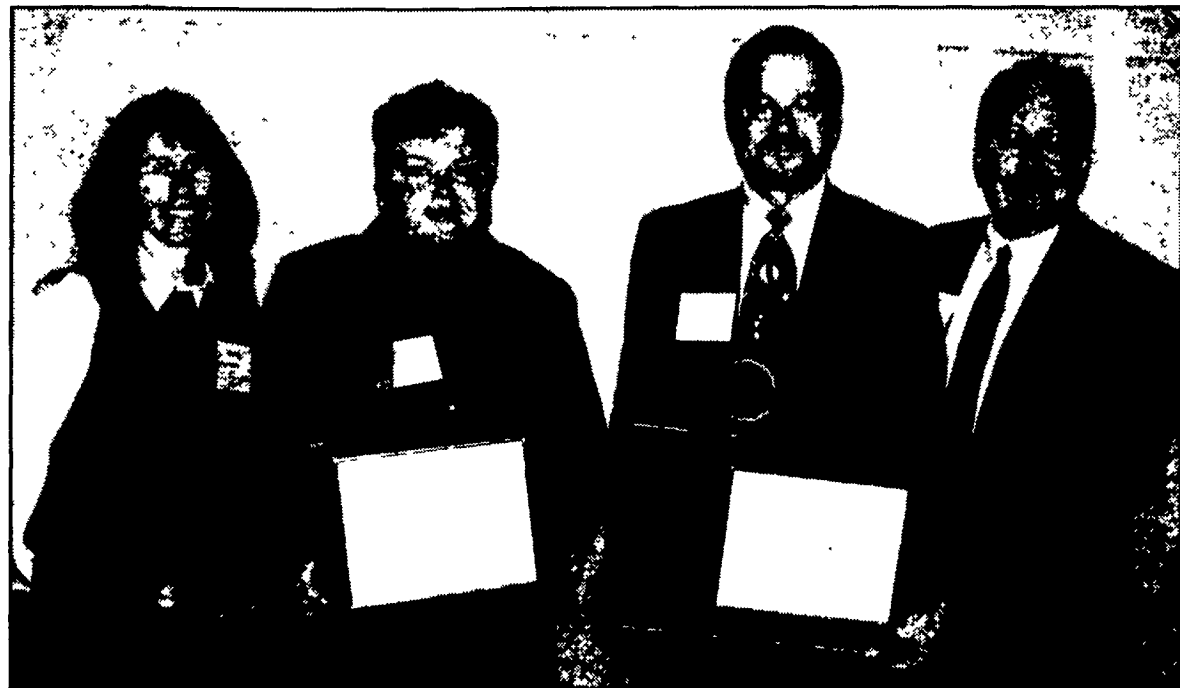
"As organic ag goes mainstream, it is taking on many of the patterns, syndromes, and problems that we notice within the conventional ag system," he said.

Jolly ended his message on an optimistic note.

"We have major challenges in our food system," he said. "We also have major opportunities."

Two people were recognized at the summit for their exemplary commitment to healthy food systems.

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Award winners at the 4th Annual Future of Our Food & Farms Summit are, holding plaques, Lorraine Matthews, Philadelphia nutritionist, and Michael Hamm, educator at Cook College of Rutgers University. Joining them are Sandy Sherman of The Food Trust, and Zane Helsel, Rutgers University.

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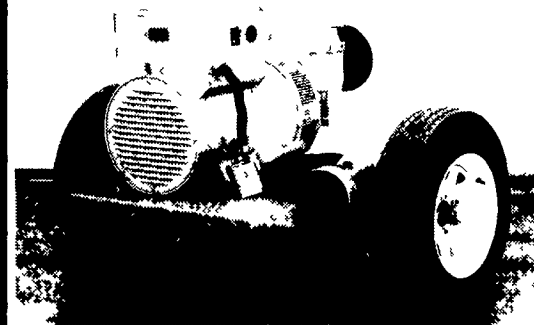
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