



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF MILLETS 2023

WEBINAR SERIES

The United Nations General Assembly has designated 2023 as the International Year of Millets. If you've heard about or eaten millets and want to know more about them, are interested in sustainable food systems, or are just curious about ancient grains and new foods, then check out this upcoming webinar series. An all-volunteer group called the North American Millets Alliance (NAMA) has arranged a series of interesting topics and speakers to provide online webinar presentations, one per month, during 2023.

Dates: These one-hour sessions will be held on the third Wednesday of every month in 2023

Time: 5-6 pm eastern time (4 pm central, 3 pm mountain, and 2 pm Pacific time)

Weblink:

<https://umsystem.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJctduutrTgoGNLZnrkxtUw6I4DEjAT3SgNN>

First session: Wed, January 18th – Rob Myers, Director of the Center for Regenerative Agriculture at University of Missouri, and David Brenner, Millet Curator for the National Plant Germplasm System, will provide an introductory tour highlighting the fascinating diversity of millets from around the world, including their role in food systems today and future prospects.

Topics to be covered in the 2023 webinar series (check the websites below for updated schedules)

1. An intro to millets from around the world
2. Millets as ancient grains
3. Modern trends with millets
4. Millets as ideal crops in a changing climate
5. Millet processing and food preparation
6. Millets as tasty grains for your table
7. Nutrition powerhouse aspects of millets
8. Millet products in the marketplace
9. Millet beverages
10. Economics and community role of millets
11. Millets for animals
12. Other potential uses of millets

Hosted by University of Missouri's Center for Regenerative Agriculture and the FEAST Lab (www.feastlab.org), this webinar series is free and open to anyone who wants to participate. Sessions will be recorded but to take full advantage of interacting with speakers and other

participants, please join the program live. Recorded sessions will be available through the Center for Regenerative Agriculture website at www.cra.missouri.edu

More about millets

Millets represent a diverse group of plant species each with their own unique characteristics and origin. For example, pearl millet comes from Africa and foxtail millet from Asia. Worldwide, the millets are an important food plants but in North America have been very underutilized. They have great potential as not only climate-resilient nutritious crops for human food but also for livestock use, wildlife, cover crops, and other uses. The North American Millets Alliance (NAMA) recently formed to help share information about millets with a goal of sparking more attention on millets in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. For more information, see:

<http://millets2023.space>

Also, see this one-minute video on millets: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKvrjTrTqPQ>

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