

## Announcements for Week of August 14th

### 1. Community Food Security Coalition 2006 Conference

### 2. New York State Fair

### 3. Did You Know?- Urban Chickens

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**1. Community Food Security Coalition 2006 Conference** “Bridging Borders Toward Food Security”, the 2006 Community Food Security Conference, will be on October 7-11 in Vancouver BC. This is a great opportunity to learn from and network with others from around the country who are working to build strong, sustainable local and regional food systems. For more information go to the Community Food Security Coalition’s website at [www.foodsecurity.org](http://www.foodsecurity.org)

**2. New York State Fair** The Great New York State Fair will be held August 24-September 4<sup>th</sup> in Syracuse. The Fair is a showcase of what is happening in New York including agricultural products, entertainment and exhibits. Get a chance to see agricultural and livestock competitions, maple sugar making demonstrations and, of course, butter sculpture! For more info on the Fair go to [www.nysfair.org](http://www.nysfair.org) or for a schedule of New York county fairs go to [www.agmkt.state.ny.us](http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us).

**3. Did You Know?** ...you can raise your own chickens in New York City? Although roosters (males) are not permitted due to their infamous daybreak crowing, hens are! They are quiet, sociable birds who require minimal upkeep- just a decent coop, some food, and weekly coop-cleaning. In return, they will weed your garden, add essential nutrients to your compost, and lay about 250 eggs each every year, not to mention add a fun and educational element to your garden! Just Food has recently initiated the City Chickens project, which seeks to network New York City chicken farmers and facilitate more city gardeners to begin raising hens for eggs. “The City Chicken: A Guide to Raising Hens” is currently available and more information is coming soon to our website: [www.justfood.org](http://www.justfood.org).

