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PRESS RELEASE: SPEAKER SERIES

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Announcing the Inaugural PT Ranch Speaker Series: *From Soil to Butcher 2018* To Purchase Tickets: www.ptranch.co

Join PT Ranch as they invite farmers, butchers and consultants to share their experiences with sustainable and regenerative agriculture in a speaker series hosted in Lone, California. The series brings together leading professionals who are committed to growing environmentally integrated businesses that improve soil health and provide the highest quality meats. Reintroduce yourself to dirt and learn how soil is the foundation of healthy food system and successful agriculture business.

Gabe Brown on Soil Health - Friday, January 26th:

9am-4pm. Lunch included. \$150 *

Gabe Brown is one of the twenty-five most influential agricultural leaders in the United States. Gabe is a pioneer of the current soil health movement, which focuses on regenerating our resources while also improving the bottom line for producers. The Browns holistically integrate their grazing and no-till cropping systems, which include a wide variety of cash crops, multi-species cover crops along with all natural grass finished beef and lamb. They also raise pastured laying hens, broilers and swine. This diversity and integration have improved financial success and stability while regenerated the natural resources on the ranch, all without the use of synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, or fungicides. Gabe spends much of his time sharing with others the importance and power of healthy, functioning ecosystems. The information Gabe shares is invaluable for farmers and consumers alike.

Daniel Salatin on Pasture Raised Meat - Saturday, March 3

9am-4pm. Lunch included. \$150 *

Daniel Salatin is a dynamic speaker whose experience and advise regarding raising animals on pasture and marketing there is meat is not to be missed. Daniel is the son of Joel Salatin, innovative farmer, writer and speaker. As the third generation on Polyface farm in Swoope, Virginia, he has grown up in the family business. Polyface services more than 3,000 families, 10 retail outlets, and 50 restaurants through on-farm sales and metropolitan buying clubs with salad bar beef, pastured poultry, eggmobile eggs, pigaerator pork,

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forage-based rabbits, pastured turkey and forestry products through relationship marketing. Daniel has gone from carrying freshly processed chickens while in diapers, to managing the day-to-day workings of Polyface farm. Don't miss this rare opportunity to spend a day with Daniel Salatin in California.

Nathan Gilmour on Lamb Butchery - April, date/time TBD

\$150 *

Nathan has worked in kitchens on four continents; from the cutting rooms at Dario's Macelleria Cecchini in Panzano to the back streets of Fez making couscous with grandmas in their homes, Nathan values on-the-ground experiences above all. Nathan relocating to Virginia in the Spring of 2017 to serve as the President at Ovoka Estate and has been assisting with and teaching in various charcuterie- and butchery-focused workshops around the United States. Lately, Nathan has been in the Mexico City, the Baltics, and Iceland researching preservation and smoking techniques for meats and fish. Nathan also serves as a lead instructor for Belcampo's premier Meat Camps in California and assists the food design consultancy, Bouchee Double, in Brussels, Belgium.

For more information on speakers please visit <https://www.ptranch.co> or contact contact Emily Taylor at Emily@ptranch.co

* * Price Discount: CalaverasGROWN and Farms of Amador members will receive 50% off the ticket price. Join either organization today and receive your discount as well as all the other membership benefits. CalaverasGROWN supports local agriculturalists who seek to improve their businesses and land. <https://www.calaverasgrown.org/how-to-join> Farms of Amador is a countywide marketing and educational organization whose mission is to increase the sales of local agricultural products. <http://amadorfarmersmarket.com>