

About Linley Dixon, PhD

Cornucopia is pleased to welcome farmer and soil scientist Linley Dixon, PhD to our team as Food and Farm Policy Analyst. Linley owns a vegetable farm (marketing through a CSA, farm to school, and at farmers markets) in Durango, Colorado, with her husband Peter and 4-year-old daughter Raina.

Prior to farming, she spent 15 years studying the impact of farm diversity on plant disease levels. Collecting and studying plant diseases on varied farms throughout the world has provided perspective on the various inputs required given different production practices. Linley holds a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from the University of Florida and a Master's in Plant and Soil Science through West Virginia University's Organic Farm Project. In addition, she held a 2-year post-doctorate with the USDA's Systematic Botany and Mycology Laboratory where she used DNA sequencing and cloning techniques to identify fungal plant pathogens from around the world.

Linley is actively involved in supporting the local farm movement in Durango and, in her spare time, enjoys pruning tomatoes to one main stem. Welcome, Linley!