

## Fall Food Festivals

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### **Phoenix Cooks!** September 3, 2011 Phoenix

Phoenix Cooks is a festival located at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa. Over 40 chefs throughout the Valley will participate. Attend classes, shop, sample wine and food, and watch cooking competitions at this event. Tickets are \$75 online and \$90 at the door. [www.phoenixcooks.com](http://www.phoenixcooks.com).

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### **NLS Food Evolution Summit 2011** September 13-14, 2011 Scottsdale

The Food Evolution Summit, located at Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort, offers a peer-to-peer networking environment with leaders from many fields within the food industry, such as Ingredient Suppliers, Consumer Market Research, Food and Sustainability, Process Development & Innovation. Participation advantages include discussing industry trends and how they impact your business. [www.nextlevelsummits.com](http://www.nextlevelsummits.com).

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### **25th Annual Great Tucson Beer Festival** October 8, 2011 Tucson

The 25th Annual Great Tucson Beer Festival will be held at Hi Corbett Field. You can taste samples of a variety of beers produced by brewers from around the world. There will be snacks and food provided by eateries around town, as well as games and music. No one under 21 is permitted. [www.azbeer.com](http://www.azbeer.com).

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### Arizona Taco Festival

October 15, 2011

Scottsdale Waterfront

More than 30 amateur and pro teams will go head to head in hopes of creating the top taco. Fun for the whole family is planned, including plenty of tequila for the grownups and a kid's zone with piñatas. [www.aztacofestival.com](http://www.aztacofestival.com).



### TASTE Chandler Culinary Festival

October 15, 2011

Chandler

TASTE Chandler Culinary Festival is a food and wine tasting event. The event showcases local businesses and restaurants, and it benefits local charities. General admission is \$45 and is held in the Historic Downtown Chandler Promenade. [www.tastechandler.com](http://www.tastechandler.com).



### The Arizona Local Food Festival

October 23, 2011, 10 – 4

Phoenix

Located at Phoenix College Osborn Campus, the Arizona Local Food Festival is a statewide effort to educate and encourage Arizonans to have a more active role in their local food system. Participants will learn to grow and will have access to local foods, as well as meeting producers, businesses, and public services.

[www.thefusionfoundation.org](http://www.thefusionfoundation.org).



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### 2011 Festival of Fruit

November 5, 2011

Hosted by the Arizona chapter of the California Rare Fruit Growers, the 2011 festival will celebrate the Year of the Pomegranate. Seminars and meals will be offered at the festival, hosted at Arizona State University. Both plant growers and general public are welcome to attend. [www.azrfg.org/festivalOfFruit/fof.html](http://www.azrfg.org/festivalOfFruit/fof.html).