



FSMA

Collaborative

Training Forum

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FDA and USDA facilitate FSMA training

- Training is key to successful implementation of FSMA
- USDA and FDA play a role
- A variety of training options available for farmers and others in the produce industry
- Training funded by FDA and USDA through grants and agreements



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USDA and FDA hosting the forum to provide an opportunity for:

- Dialogue between the agencies, centers, associations and others funded by USDA and FDA to implement training projects
- Representatives of these groups to come together, share information about their programs, provide updates about the work, and discuss issues of common concern.
- Efforts to eliminate duplication and maximize the use of limited resources.



Collaborative Training Forum Participants

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Public-Private Alliances



Cornell University
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences



Institute for Food Safety and Health
Illinois Institute of Technology



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International Training



- Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
 - a partnership between FDA and the University of Maryland.

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On-Farm Readiness Review and National Consortium for Produce Safety Program Development

- National Consortium brings together the states cooperating with FDA to implement a produce safety program.



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National Coordination Center



Int'l Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI)

Train and educate small- and medium-sized producers, small processors, and small fruit and vegetable wholesalers on the importance of developing comprehensive food safety plans, while providing food safety training at multiple regional centers.

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Regional Centers



North Central Region

Center for FSMA Training, Extension
and Technical Assistance

Iowa State University

NECAFS



The Northeast Center to
Advance Food Safety

University of Vermont



Oregon State University



for Training, Education, Extension, Outreach, and
Technical Assistance to Enhance Produce Safety

University of Florida

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Local Food Safety Collaborative



The Local Food Safety Collaborative is led by National Farmers Union Foundation in partnership with Cornell University, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Washington State Department of Agriculture, National Young Farmers Coalition, Deep South Food Alliance, and New England Farmers Union.

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Native American Tribal Center for Food Safety Outreach,
Education, Training and Technical Assistance.

Native American Food Safety Training

- Indigenous Food and Agricultural Initiative (IFAI) at the University of Arkansas Fayetteville School of Law
- With a wide array of partners, including the Intertribal Agricultural Council

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Food Safety Outreach Program



United States Department of Agriculture
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

- Funds delivery of customized training to small to mid-sized farms, beginning farmers, socially-disadvantaged farmers, small processors, or small fresh fruit and vegetable merchant wholesalers.
 - Pilot Projects
 - Community Outreach Projects
 - Multistate Education and Training Projects

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Food Safety Outreach Program



United States Department of Agriculture
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

- FY 2017 Food Safety Outreach Program Request for Applications (RFA) announced April 25 – Deadline June 6
- New projects focus: addressing knowledge and resource gaps for the target audience in the areas of pre- and post-harvest water testing and sampling, soil amendments, and developing supply chain programs and/or food safety plans.
- Continues to fund projects that develop bilingual and culturally-appropriate training resources.



Current Status

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Initial Call Series

- April 2017 - held four 2-hour WebEx sessions
- Heard from each participant group
- Identifying themes and opportunities for coordination
- Highlighted outstanding questions for FDA and USDA



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Outcomes & Next Steps

- Better understanding of each other's projects and timelines
- Ideas to align outreach and assessment strategies
- Learning from each other's experiences
- Work to improve outcomes and metrics

- Ongoing forum strategy – quarterly calls, coordination
- First Quarterly Call – summarize and plan
- NCC Monthly Calls – now with more players!

Thank You!

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