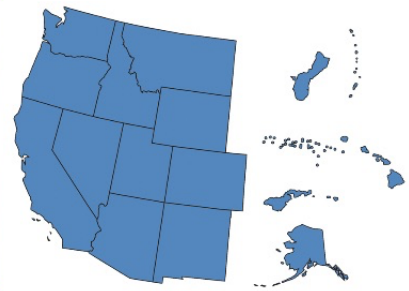


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Western Regional Center to Enhance Food Safety

November 2021 Newsletter

Dear WRCEFS Community,

Below you will find information related to upcoming potential trainings for our region, webinars and course offerings, the add-on peer review process, funding opportunities, job opportunities, and updates from our national partners and alliances.

Time Sensitive Announcements

1) *We want to hear from you!* As we look ahead to 2022, we want to know what training events and opportunities you would like WRCEFS to bring to the region. To best understand your (and your stakeholder) training needs, please fill out a quick Qualtrics survey by clicking the "Go to Training Needs Survey" button below.

[Go to Training Needs Survey](#)

2) *New Tracking Documents Available:* For FSOP grantees and others who send us training data, we have developed an easier way

for you to send us information about your activities. You can now use this Digital Cover Page, which is now available in Qualtrics. Every time you administer a training, please use this Qualtrics link or complete the traditional cover page document and email to wrcefs@oregonstate.edu.

Qualtrics Link: https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2nOpLGmNDztXcoK

3) FSOP grant proposals are due December 16th (see Funding Opportunities section below for more details). As before, each successfully funded project must develop a communication plan to interact with their respective Regional Centers. We are glad to work with you on that and to offer letters of support as requested. Please contact Stephanie Brown (stephanie.brown@oregonstate.edu) regarding letters of support.



Funding Opportunities

1) USDA NIFA FSOP Grants

The request for applications for the FY2022 Food Safety Outreach Program has been released. Applications are due back to USDA by **December 16th, 2021**. To review the RFA, please use this link: <https://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/rfa/FY22-Food-Safety-Outreach-FSOP-RFA-508.pdf>

*NIFA staff will provide an overview of the Food Safety Outreach Program and the [Request for Application](#) process via webinar on **November 12 at 1:30 p.m. CT**. For more information and to register in advance, please visit the [FSOP webinar announcement](#).

2) CPS Preliminary Research Proposals

The Center for Produce Safety announced its annual call for preliminary research proposals. Pre-proposals and required documents should be received by CPS at the following email address: proposals@centerforproducesafety.org no later than 12:00 (noon; PST) on Wednesday, **November 10, 2021**.

To learn more about the 2022 research priorities and find helpful resources for proposal development, please visit the CPS Grant Opportunities page at: https://www.centerforproducesafety.org/grant_opportunities.php.

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Important Information for Current and Future FSOP Grantees

As a reminder, FSOP grantees are expected to work with the Western

Regional Center during the duration of their grant.

A communication plan to interact with your respective Regional Center should be part of your project.

What Your Regional Centers Need from You (also good to consider for your new grant proposals!):

- Evaluation is a required component of leading FSOPs.
- Including an evaluation expert on your team is recommended.
- Evaluation should track participation, outputs, knowledge gain, practice change, and success stories. **Templates are available for recording/reporting this information.**

As per the FY22 RFA, please note: "the Project Director for the Community Outreach and Collaborative Education and Training Project teams will be responsible for attending annual meetings. During the meeting, Project Directors will report on the progress of their projects, share updates on modified training materials or curricula, and report on interim programmatic outcomes." You will be invited to share your work in both the national FSOP Project Directors meetings (in the years when these are scheduled) and your respective Regional Center's Annual Meetings.

*For newest grantees (FY 21), a more detailed email including the above mentioned documents will be sent later this month.

If you have questions about evaluation reporting, please contact Stephanie Brown (stephanie.brown@oregonstate.edu)



Food Safety and Sanitation Workshop

Registration is now open for the Northwest Food Safety and Sanitation Workshop. This workshop addresses basic sanitation and cutting edge issues related to food sanitation and food safety. This virtual conference will be held on November 9-10th, 2021 from 10 AM to 3 PM (PST). The fee for attendance is \$50/person and paid registrants will receive a certificate of attendance. To view the agenda and register, please visit the workshop website: <https://extension.wsu.edu/foodsantiation/>

Workshop partners include Washington State University Extension, Food Northwest, Oregon State University Extension Service, and the University of Idaho Extension in collaboration with the Washington State Department of Agriculture, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Seafood Products Association, and Western Association of Food and Drug Officials.



Webinar Series: FSMA 101 for Organic Food Processors

The CCOF Foundation and partners are launching their first FSMA 101 for Organic Food Processors webinar series this fall. Although some content will be state specific (California and Washington) or specific to organic processors, the majority of the content is applicable to all food processors.

For more details and to register for these webinars, please visit the [FSMA 101 for Organic Food Processors](#) webpage.

Webinar Topics and Times:

FSMA Preventive Controls Rule, Fully Covered Category

Washington- November 9, 2021 10:00-11:30 AM (PST)

California- November 10, 2021 10:00-11:30 AM (PST)

Current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMPs)

Washington- December 14, 2021 1:00-2:30 PM (PST)

California- December 15, 2021 10:00-11:30 AM (PST)

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FSMA- Produce Safety Rule BSAAO Workshop

The FDA in partnership with the Idaho, Oregon, and Washington Departments of Agriculture is hosting a free, virtual workshop on Biological Soil Amendments of Animal Origin and the Produce Safety Rule on November 16-18, 2021 from 10AM – 2PM (PDT) each day.

To learn more about the event, please see this event [flyer](#).

To register, please use this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/biological-soil-amendments-of-animal-origin-virtual-workshop-registration-185036137067>

If you have any questions, please contact Harry Short (Harry.short@oda.org).

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Farm Walks Podcast is Back for Season 2!

Tilth Alliance and WSU Food Systems have collaborated to bring their annual farm walks as a virtual listening experience. With the mission of education for farmers, by farmers, this podcast provides new, beginning, and existing farmers with education, advice, and mentorship from experienced farmers, agricultural and food systems professionals, and WSU Extension Specialists. To join in on the weekly walks, check out the farm walks website <https://www.farmwalks.org/>.

Photo credit: Riled Up Goats, 2021

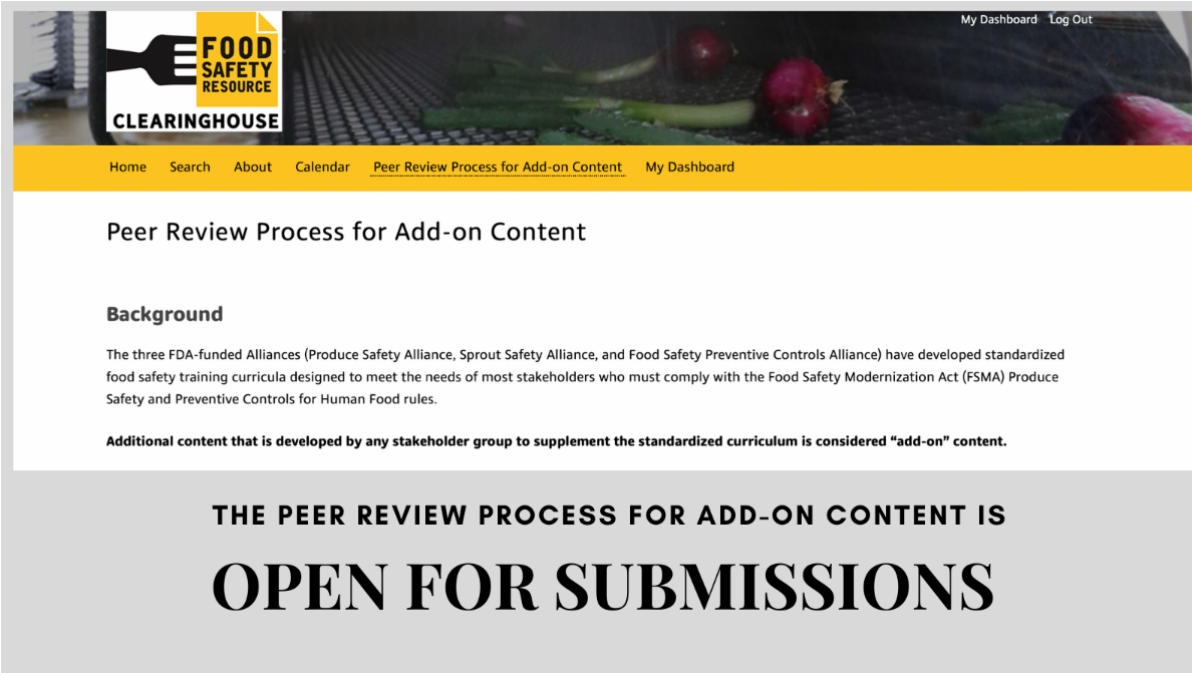
Save the Date:

Pacific Fisheries Technologist Conference

The Pacific Fisheries Technologist Conference which will be held in Newport, OR on Feb 20-23, 2022.

To view the call for papers, please click [here](#).

To view the President's invitation, which includes more conference details, please click [here](#).



The screenshot shows the top of a website with a header image of fresh produce. The logo on the left reads "FOOD SAFETY RESOURCE CLEARINGHOUSE". In the top right corner, there are links for "My Dashboard" and "Log Out". Below the header is a yellow navigation bar with links for "Home", "Search", "About", "Calendar", "Peer Review Process for Add-on Content", and "My Dashboard". The main content area has the title "Peer Review Process for Add-on Content" and a "Background" section. The background text states: "The three FDA-funded Alliances (Produce Safety Alliance, Sprout Safety Alliance, and Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance) have developed standardized food safety training curricula designed to meet the needs of most stakeholders who must comply with the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety and Preventive Controls for Human Food rules. Additional content that is developed by any stakeholder group to supplement the standardized curriculum is considered 'add-on' content." Below this is a large grey box with the text: "THE PEER REVIEW PROCESS FOR ADD-ON CONTENT IS OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS".

Add-on Peer Review Process- Now Open

The Western Regional Center to Enhance Food Safety in collaboration with the Northeast Center to Advance Food Safety (NECAFS) has been working on a peer review process for add-on content that will be facilitated through the Clearinghouse.

Add-ons are material(s) in addition to standardized curricula that are developed and delivered pre-course, during a course, or post-course as a standalone.

We are excited to announce that the peer review system is **open and accepting submissions**. *At this time, only resources in English are being accepted for peer review.* Additional detailed instructions and guidance on the peer review process are available on the [Clearinghouse website](#) and [WRCEFS website](#).

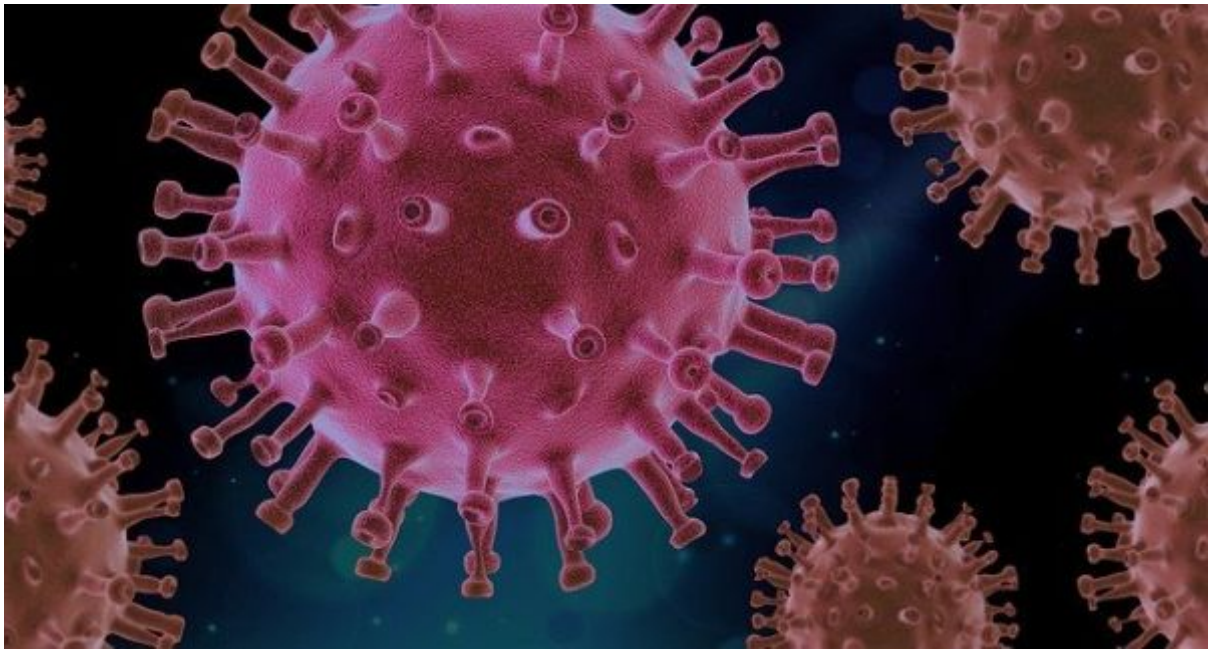


WRCEFS FSPCA PCHF and PSA Training Information

Collecting data during remote trainings can be challenging. A fillable version of the PSA and FSPCA PCHF pre-/post-tests are now available. If interested, please email Stephanie Brown at wrcefs@oregonstate.edu to obtain a copy. There are also polling options available in Zoom for capturing this information. If you have any specific questions on Zoom polling options, please contact us at wrcefs@oregonstate.edu.

If you are capturing these data, please share with WRCEFS.

For any remote and in-person courses, (whether or not you are administering the pre/post-tests) please continue to share all cover sheets and attendance rosters with WRCEFS. On the cover sheet, please indicate if the training was delivered remotely or in-person.



COVID-19 Resources

1) WRCEFS COVID-19 Webpage

The OSU team has created a page on the WRCEFS website dedicated to COVID-19 and food safety resources. We currently have many fact sheets, social media images, and links to other federal and state-specific websites and resources for viewing.

If you have made any fact sheets, documents, or websites related to food safety and COVID-19 and want these shared within the Western region, please email us at wrcefs@oregonstate.edu.

New Recordings

On October 19-21, the FDA hosted the New Era of Smarter Food Safety Summit on E-commerce. Recordings from all three days can be found below:

October 19, 2021: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9ZhRSzG8Bk>

October 20, 2021: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=370-3gDPnAs>

October 21, 2021: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UK5-Z0y7QMM>



Training and Resource Updates

1) **New-** PSA has extended its temporary remote delivery policy for the PSA Grower Training and PSA Train-the-Trainer courses to **December 31, 2022** due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

2) **New- Upcoming PSA Train-the-Trainer (TTT) Courses:**

Reminder: As of October 1, 2021, all individuals interested in enrolling in a PSA TTT Course must have attended at least one registered PSA GT Course. Successfully completing an in-person, online, or remote PSA Grower Training Course meets this requirement. All trainings listed below are \$350 to attend.

Remote delivery course | NY, USA: 12/13/2021 - 12/16/2021

Course #: [NY-211213-TRRD - Registration Information](#)

Training Language: Spanish

Remote delivery course | NY, USA: 1/24/2022 - 1/27/2022

Course #: [NY-220124-TRRD - Registration Information](#)

Training Language: English

Remote delivery course | NY, USA: 2/14/2022 - 2/17/2022

Course #: [NY-220214-TRRD – Registration Information](#)

Training Language: Spanish

Remote delivery course | NY, USA: 3/7/2022 - 3/10/2022

Course #: [NY-220307-TRRD - Registration Information](#)

Training Language: English

3) **Spanish-language Produce Safety Educator's group launch.**

PSA is launching a Spanish-language Produce Safety Educator's group. Similar to the English Produce Safety Educators' Group, the Produce Safety Educators' Group in Spanish has the purpose of keeping PSA Trainers, PSA Lead Trainers, PSA Trainers-of-Trainers and produce safety educators, specifically those who are focused on produce safety outreach and extension, up to date on the latest educational resources, training opportunities, regulatory updates, and produce industry initiatives.

PSA will host monthly webinars, which are expected to last one hour and will be held via Zoom. The first webinar discussed the PSA, its policies, and relevant training updates.

This group is open to anyone interested in produce safety education but may be most relevant to PSA Trainers and Lead Trainers conducting trainings in Spanish as well as extension educators from the United States and Latin America.

To sign up for the listserv, click here:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/pgfGEaT/PSA>.

To learn more about the group, please visit:

<https://es.producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/recursos/grupo-de->

[educadores-sobre-la-inocuidad-de-los-productos-agricolas-frescos-en-espanol-notas-y-recursos-de-las-reuniones/](#).

4) Remote and in-person grower trainings are being offered throughout the Western region. To see a complete listing, please visit the PSA or WRCEFS websites.



FDA Updates

The FDA has provided numerous updates over the past few weeks. A list of these updates along with links to view reports, guidance documents, or other relevant information can be viewed on the [WRCEFS website](#) under the FDA updates page. The newest updates include:

1. Voluntary Qualified Importer Program Update

2. FDA Assesses Impact of Whole Genome Sequencing Program
 3. FDA Announces Signing of Domestic Mutual Reliance Agreements with California, Florida, Utah and Wisconsin
 4. FDA Releases Report on Findings from Sampling of Romaine Lettuce in Yuma, AZ
 5. FDA Encourages Food and Agriculture Workers to Get Vaccinated Against Flu and COVID-19
 6. Release of 2019 Annual Report on the Sources of Foodborne Illness by the Interagency Food Safety Analytics Collaboration
 7. FY 2019 Pesticide Report: Consistent with Trends Over the Past 8 Years, Pesticide Residue Levels Remain Low
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Job Opportunities

1) Education and Outreach Coordinator - Commercial Produce Safety Program

The University of Idaho is hiring an Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Commercial Produce Safety Program. This position is a grant funded, 4-year position as a Commercial Produce Safety Program Education, Outreach and Technical Assistance Coordinator. The Coordinator will be responsible for planning, organizing, instructing, and evaluating Produce Safety Rule training programs and technical assistance for produce growers, Extension Educators, and regulatory personnel statewide. This will include Outreach and Education (70%), Program Evaluation and Reporting (20%) and Program Planning and Implementation (10%).

This position is funded by the United States (US) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) through a cooperative agreement with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) to address statewide outreach, education and technical assistance related to the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule.

To view more details about the position and apply, please

visit: <https://uidaho.peopleadmin.com/postings/33658>

If you have questions, please contact Ariel Agenbroad (ariel@uidaho.edu).

2) Education/Training Specialist II

The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences is seeking full-time Education and Training Specialists who will be part of a state-wide team responsible for coordinating, conducting and documenting training activities related to implementation of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule in the State of Florida. This includes organizing and teaching the Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) standardized curriculum as a lead trainer, leading and participating in the on-farm readiness review program (OFRR), conducting general Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs programs), and generally supporting the food safety extension efforts for growers. The candidate will work closely with Food Safety Extension colleagues, County Extension personnel, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) personnel, and growers and other stakeholders to advance food safety in the Florida produce industry. Successful candidates should be familiar with basic produce growing and packing and have a strong background in food safety/microbiology. This position will require frequent travel throughout the state; a state vehicle is provided.

Lake Alfred position link <https://explore.jobs.ufl.edu/en-us/job/518582/educationtraining-spec-ii>

Gainesville position link - TBD

***The Lake Alfred positions will close November 13th.*

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FACES OF WRCEFS

Faces of WRCEFS

On the Faces of WRCEFS section of the WRCEFS website, you can find staff spotlights, featuring our leadership team and partners. The goal of Faces of WRCEFS is to highlight the diverse expertise of our regional leaders by showcasing their stories and work related to the Food Safety Modernization Act.

WRCEFS Communication

Website

Website content is constantly being added so please continue to check back with us to find new resources, training opportunities, and more!

Social Media

Follow us on Social Media! We have WRCEFS accounts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)! We will be posting updates, regional spotlights, and upcoming training opportunities on a weekly basis. We will also be sharing this information on the WRCEFS website. If you have anything that should be shared with the WRCEFS community, please contact Stephanie Brown (wrcefs@oregonstate.edu).

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