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May 2022 Newsletter

Dear WRCEFS Community,

Below you will find information related to a request for data, an upcoming PSA TTT course, podcasts and webinars, the add-on peer review process, job opportunities, and updates from our national partners and alliances.



In-Person PSA Train-the-Trainer Course

WSDA and CDFA in collaboration with WRCEFS will be hosting a PSA Train-the-Trainer Course in Sacramento, CA on June 1-3, 2022. The cost to attend the course is \$300.

Information on who should attend, expected qualifications, abbreviated agenda, and other logistics information can be found at the registration website (see below) and on the [attached flyer](#).

To register for this event, please use this link: <https://www.eventbrit>

[e.com/e/produce-safety-alliance-train-the-trainer-course-tickets-325966744307](https://www.oregonstate.edu/e/produce-safety-alliance-train-the-trainer-course-tickets-325966744307)

The deadline to register is May 16th.

If you have questions, please contact [Connie Fisk](#).

WRCEFS Training Announcements

1) We want to hear from you! WRCEFS is in the process of collecting information about PSA, FSPCA, and other food safety trainings in our region. Previously shared data has been shared with our community at previous annual meetings and is being analyzed for an upcoming publication. Newly collected information will be aggregated and shared at the WRCEFS Annual Meeting, to our entire community in our new quarterly evaluation reports, and other publications. If interested in sharing data (number of trainings and participants, pre-/post-tests administered, etc.) please contact us at wrcefs.data@oregonstate.edu.

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.data@oregonstate.edu.

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



New Podcasts and Resources

The Farmers Beet Podcast is Back!

Season 2 of The Farmers Beet podcast (produced by CAFF) has started! This season has nine new food safety episodes available for listening. These podcasts can be found on Spotify, Apple podcasts, or on the CAFF [website](#).

New food safety episodes of the Farm Walks podcast are available!

New food safety episodes of the Farm Walks podcast are available for listening. These podcasts can be accessed wherever you listen to podcasts and their website can be accessed [here](#).

FSMA Proposed Rule on Agricultural Water Webinar Recording

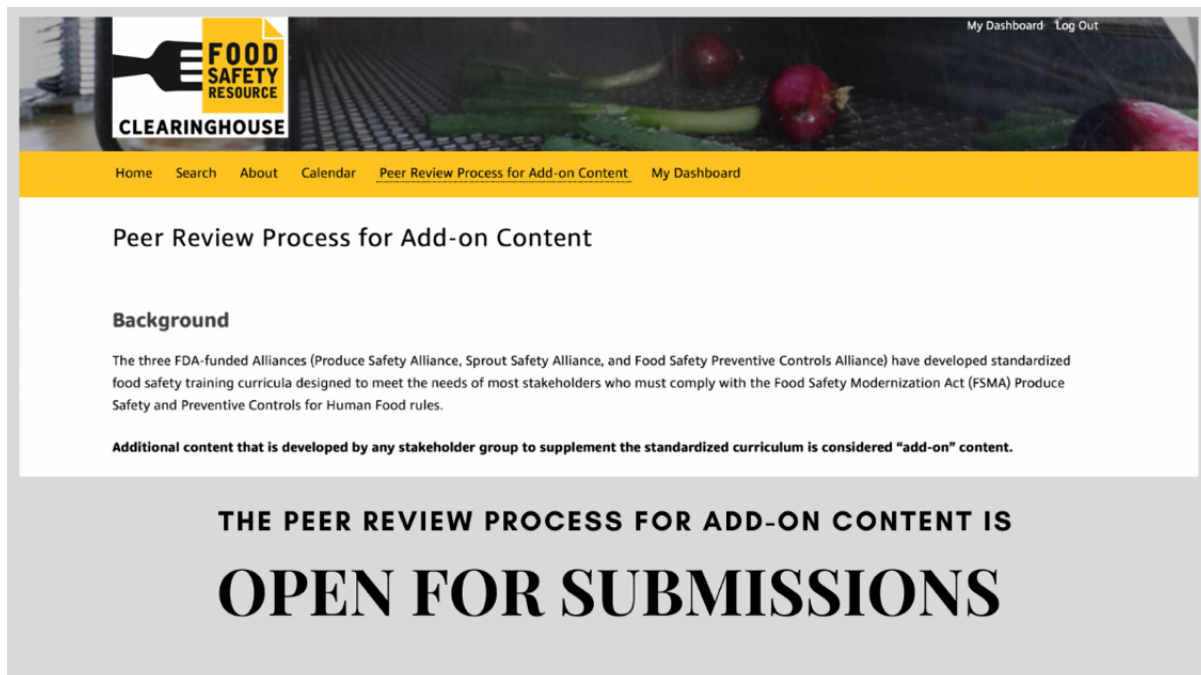
On January 27, 2022, FDA and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture collaborated on a proposed Agricultural Water rule webinar. This webinar sought to raise awareness among producers, exporters, specialists, FSMA instructors, government officials and the general public about various aspects of interest related to the new Proposed Rule on Agricultural Water. Specifically, the proposed modifications to the current regulations, access to resources and information, and mechanisms for public participation were presented, and questions from the participants were answered.

To view the Spanish presentation, please use this link:

<https://www.iica.int/es/prensa/eventos/norma-propuesta-de-fsma-sobre-el-agua-de-uso-agricola>

To view the English presentation, please use this link: <https://www.iica.int/en/press/events/fsma-proposed-rule-agricultural-water>

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Peer Review Process for Add-on Content

Background

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.

THE PEER REVIEW PROCESS FOR ADD-ON CONTENT IS OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

Add-on Peer Review Process Updates

1. We are in the process of piloting short courses in the peer review system. If you are interested in reviewing one of these courses, please contact wrcefs@oregonstate.edu
2. We have started a Peer Review Tip Thursday series on the WRCEFS social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter). If you have questions you would like to see answered in this series, please contact Stephanie Brown wrcefs@oregonstate.edu



Training and Resource Updates

SAVE THE DATE

PSA Advanced Trainer Workshop

June 14-16, 2022
Geneva, New York

Are you a PSA Trainer and interested in more information? Visit <https://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/training/advanced-trainer-workshop/> or contact Donna Clements (dmp274@cornell.edu)

Produce Safety Alliance **SC Southern Center**
for Training, Education, Extension, Outreach, and Technical Assistance to Enhance Produce Safety

The graphic is a promotional poster for a PSA Advanced Trainer Workshop. It features a central white box with green text and a green border. The text includes the event title, dates, location, and contact information. There are four photographs: two on the left showing people in a classroom setting, one on the top right showing a person operating a yellow machine, and one on the bottom right showing a person working with a green tarp in a field.

1) New- PSA Advanced Training Course - Registration Open

The Produce Safety Alliance and Southern Center have collaborated to create the PSA Advanced Training course. The next offering of this course will be in Geneva, NY on **June 14-16, 2022** at Cornell Agritech at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. To register, please use this [link](#). The prerequisite for this training is the PSA Train-the-Trainer course.

2) New- Korean Translation of PSA Grower Training Manual

PSA is pleased to announce that the Korean translation of the PSA Grower Training manual has been completed and is now available [on the PSA website](#). All PSA Trainers have access to these PowerPoint slides and can download the PDFs for commercial printing. Additionally, the FSMA Produce Safety Rule and factsheet are now [available in Korean](#).

3) New resource- More than Words Illustrations

The PSA has developed a series of illustrations to communicate concepts related to the Produce Safety Rule (PSR) without the use of text. These illustrations allow growers to consider risks they may have on their farms, practices that could reduce these risks, and regulatory provisions that may be relevant if they are subject to the FSMA PSR. The 10 images currently available on the [PSA website](#) are accompanied by an illustration guide and teaching notes. Within these documents, you can also find relevant FSMA references, relevant resources, and notes on where these can be used in PSA Grower Trainings.

4) 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. For more information on remote delivery of courses, please review the [PSA remote training policy](#). This policy was recently updated (April 2022) to address use of participant smartphones.

5) Spanish-language Produce Safety Educator's group.

PSA has launched 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.

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](#).

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/>.

6) 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.



FSPCA Update

A new video for Chapter 16 (Regulation Overview) of the FSPCA Preventive Controls for Human Food curriculum is now available on the [Human Food Lead Instructor Resource Portal](#). The new video is a modification of the Jenny Scott video that makes it easier for participants to follow along. FSPCA has retired the original Chapter 16 video.



WRCEFS Website Change - FDA Updates

The FDA updates page on the WRCEFS website has been revised. It has been expanded to include relevant links and FDA provided resources for proposed regulations and new acts related to FSMA and food safety. This page will also continue to provide a summary of new FDA updates.

To view the revised webpage, please click [here](#).

A PRODUCE SAFETY WEBINAR SERIES WEBINAR

FOOD SAFETY IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN: THE WEB YOU CAN'T ESCAPE

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM ET
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM PT

REGISTER TO ATTEND
[HTTPS://VIRINIATECH.ZOOM.US/WEBINAR/REGISTER/WN_DRPW1IEYQEC4K_AN_YXBFQ](https://viriniatech.zoom.us/j/81222222222)

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Upcoming National Webinar

The CONTACT Team is delighted to bring you "Food Safety in the Supply

Chain: The Web You Can't Escape", on May 12th at 3:30 pm Eastern / 12:30 pm Pacific.

This webinar will feature the talented and knowledgeable Dr. Bob Whitaker and a panel of experts from industry and academia to untangle the complex, and often challenging web that is the produce supply chain. This webinar will include an interactive Q&A with the audience. It serves as the season finale to CONTACT's Produce Safety Webinar Series, and it is sure to be a special treat and dynamic end to the season.

This webinar is free and will be held via Zoom. Registration is required. Produce safety industry, government, and academia are encouraged to come. All are invited!

Registration link: https://virginiatech.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_drpW1IeyQeC4K_AN_YXbFg

The CONTACT team welcomes future webinar topic suggestions, Tweet Us (https://twitter.com/ps_sci), or Mention Us 🙋 https://www.instagram.com/ps_sci/

More info on CONTACT 🙋 <https://contactproducesafety.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Job Opportunities

**** To learn more about the positions shown below and/or to apply, please click on the job titles. These contain the required links to access this content.***

Academia

1) Oregon State University: [Extension Fruit and Vegetable Specialist \(Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track\)](#)

2) Produce Safety Alliance: [Southwest Regional Extension Associate](#)

3) University of Idaho: [Education and Outreach Coordinator - Commercial Produce Safety Program](#)

Government

California Department of Agriculture: [Senior Environmental Scientist](#)

Industry

Primus Labs: [Assistant Director of Microbiology](#)

NGOs

CCOF: [Organic Technical Specialist](#)

Members



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).

Stay safe!



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