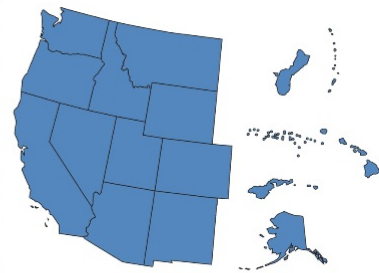


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## Western Regional Center to Enhance Food Safety

February 2020 Newsletter

Greetings WRCEFS Community!

We hope you are having a great February. Below you will find information related to reviewing training materials, WRCEFS communication, upcoming trainings, save the date information, relevant resources, job opportunities, and USDA-NIFA updates.

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### **Urgent Request for Reviewers**

Nancy Flores and her team at New Mexico State University have put together several FSMA GAP training modules for low literacy audiences. They are looking for 3-5 people to serve as outside reviewers for this content. If interested in serving as a reviewer, please contact Nancy Flores directly at [naflores@nmsu.edu](mailto:naflores@nmsu.edu).

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### **USDA-NIFA Summary from Northeast Regional Center Meeting**

Earlier this month, NIFA updates were shared at the Northeast Center to Advance Food Safety's annual conference. For those awaiting project funds from 2019 awarded projects, please check

your ASAP account to see if funds have been distributed. **Some projects have received funding.** Currently, funds are being distributed based on what needs the least amount of changes.

If you received notice to report on REEport on activities done (but didn't have money) please insert "0" into the system. This is so the system does not think you are inactive and kick you out.

Dr. Chester will be acting director of USDA NIFA programs until March 1, after that Dr. Helen Chipman (Acting Division Director for Nutrition and Food Safety) [Helen.Chipman@usda.gov](mailto:Helen.Chipman@usda.gov) will be acting as director until she appoints someone new.

If you have questions for USDA-NIFA, email [awards@usda.gov](mailto:awards@usda.gov). Latest information can be found at <https://nifa.usda.gov/grants>.

For ASAP Questions contact [ASAPCustomerService@usda.gov](mailto:ASAPCustomerService@usda.gov) or [ASAPhelpdesk@fiscal.treasury.gov](mailto:ASAPhelpdesk@fiscal.treasury.gov) (ASAP or password issues).



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## **Food Safety Outreach Programs 2020**

The 2020 RFA for Food Safety Outreach Programs (FSOPs) has been released. For more information, please click [here](#).

Closing date for this grant is: **April 7, 2020**

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# Upcoming Trainings

PSA Train-the-Trainer Courses: The Produce Safety Alliance is hosting a train-the-trainer course in Wenatchee, WA on April 1-2, 2020. To register, please see the [PSA website](#).



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## Save the Date

- 1) PSA Grower and TTT Course (Wenatchee, WA)- April 1-2
- 2) WRCEFS/PSA Professional Development Workshop (Las Cruces)  
May 11 [Registration Link](#)
- 3) WRCEFS Annual Meeting (Las Cruces, NM)  
May 12-13 [Registration Link](#)
- 4) WRCEFS IAFP Meeting (Cleveland, OH) - August 2

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## IAFP WRCEFS Meeting

We will be hosting a WRCEFS IAFP meeting on August 2, 2020 from 1:30-3:30. Meeting will be held in room 24. We will be providing more details about meeting specifics in the coming months.

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## Resources

**FDA Berry Update-** Microbiological Surveillance Sampling: FY 19-20 Frozen Berries (Strawberries, Raspberries and Blackberries) found [here](#).

**Viruses in Frozen Berries? A Comprehensive Look at the Scientific Evidence Webinar-** The Western Regional Center to Enhance Food Safety in collaboration with Oregon State University hosted Dr. Lee-Ann Jaykus in Corvallis, OR on Thursday, January 16th. Her presentation, "Viruses in Frozen Berries? A Comprehensive Look at the Scientific Evidence" will be available for viewing via the WRCEFS website in the next few days!



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## **Job Opportunities**

### **Spanish-Language Extension Associate**

The Spanish-Language Extension Associate (SL EA) will be required to have dual English and Spanish proficiency, including the ability to read, write, speak, and edit in both English and Spanish languages. The SL EA will be responsible for overseeing the translation, editing, and proofreading of PSA projects to ensure quality, message accuracy and consistency, appropriate tone and voice, and cultural relevance. By participating in a panel of Spanish-speaking reviewers, the SL EA will help lead the evaluation process for Spanish-speaking applicants who apply to become PSA Lead Trainers. The SL EA will facilitate and provide leadership for conference calls relating to international produce safety outreach efforts and may be directly involved in training other individuals to use the curriculum, in-person and through online platforms, in Spanish. In addition, the SL EA will provide continual feedback to PSA leadership through preparation of international impact reports, training evaluations, and outreach

activities. Due to the extensive national and international collaboration established by the PSA, it is anticipated the Extension Associate will interact with a diverse population of individuals and stakeholder groups across the country and outside of the United States. This position will have the option to establish a work flexplace agreement depending on home location.

**For more information and to apply, use the following link <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/15404>.**

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## Communication Updates

### Website

We have given the WRCEFS website a new look for 2020. 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 now have WRCEFS accounts on [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 ([stephanie.brown@oregonstate.edu](mailto:stephanie.brown@oregonstate.edu)).



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