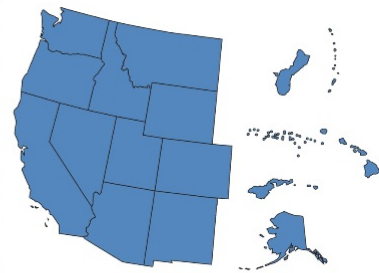


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## Western Regional Center to Enhance Food Safety

January 2020 Newsletter

Greetings WRCEFS Community!

We hope you are having a great January. Below you will find information related to WRCEFS communication, upcoming trainings, save the date information, job opportunities, social media, and updates from the Lead Center.

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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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## Upcoming Trainings

1) Advanced PSA Training: This workshop will enhance PSA trainers understanding of the science behind different PSR principles. As a reminder, the course will have half-day sections on micro 101, soil amendments and animals, pre-harvest water, instructor tips for participant engagement, post-harvest water, and sanitation.

Registration for the January 28-30, 2020 Advanced PSA training course is open until January 21 (or until the course is full). You can register here, and select the January dates on the right

side: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/psa-advanced-training-lake-alfred-registration-74831201137>

2) PSA Train-the-Trainer Courses: The Produce Safety Alliance is hosting 2 train-the-trainer courses in the western region. The first course will be held in Salinas, CA on February 18-19, 2020. The second course will be held in Wenatchee, WA on April 1-2, 2020. To register, please see the [PSA website](#).

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## Updates from the Lead Regional Center

### USDA-NIFA Summary from Southern Center Meeting

As many of you know, the USDA-NIFA experienced a large loss of employees from the move to Kansas City. **For 2019 projects, release of funds is stalled at the administrative review level.** This process can take 30-90 days. Staff shortages and training needs of new staff is pushing the release of funds back. The grants management office had retained 2 employees from before the move, one retired in December and one is retiring in March. **Funds could be released as late as March, April, or May of this year.** This is an issue for 3-year FSOP projects as no-cost extensions are not an option for 3-year projects; one-and two-year projects can apply for no-cost extensions once. If you are a 2019 project awardee and have been requested to provide an annual report for the REEport you were requested to submit but haven't been issued funds for, this is in

error.

The good news is that the **2020 request for applications for FSOP awards has an anticipated release date of January 31, 2020**; they don't anticipate many changes from last year's RFA. The anticipated due date is April or May of 2020. We will keep you posted as we hear more on this opportunity.

**Dr. Chester will leave her position with USDA-NIFA March 1, 2020** as she is on a program track. Staff changes should be expected continue often.

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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## Save the Date

**Viruses in Frozen Berries Seminar- January 16**

**PSA Advanced Training (Lake Alfred, FL) - January 28-30**

**PSA Train-the-Trainer Course (Salinas, CA)- February 18-19**

**PSA Grower and Train-the-Trainer Course (Wenatchee, WA)- April 1-2**

**WRCEFS/PSA Professional Development Workshop (Las Cruces, NM)- May 11**

**WRCEFS Annual Meeting (Las Cruces, NM)- May 12-13**

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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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