Produce Safety Educator’s Monthly Call #23  
December 5, 2016  
2 PM EDT  
Meeting Summary

Total Attendance: 72 attendees  
Meeting recording available at: https://cornell.webex.com/cornell/lsr.php?RCID=04563939be9793651e7b75b5220043c6

Summary of Session

Updates on PSA’s launch of training courses this fall, including training stats, curriculum updates and key learnings from our first round of courses, and plans for the New Year.  
*Additional data and information is provided in the slides.

December 5, 2016 Meeting Notes

I. PSA 2016 Training Recap/2017 Training Plans  
a. Recap of 2016:
   - TTT Regional Courses 2014-2016 – 19 courses – 632 participants balanced across the regions
   - Grower Training Regional Courses 2015-2016 – 23 courses – 489 participants
     o AFDO still waiting to receive data on some courses, so not all participants have been accounted for
   - PSA to begin review of all course evaluations from Fall 2016 to make adjustments to delivery and curriculum materials in 2017
   - Working on curriculum Version 2.0 – utilizing a “If you see something, say something” approach. Minor typos, consistency issues, or other clarifications are currently in the proposed queue for the second revision

b. Supplemental Materials in Development
   - In addition to the standardized curriculum materials, the PSA team has been developing additional activities and resources to supplement the training. The following resources are works in progress. These materials will be made available on the PSA website once completed.
     o GM/STV Long Hand Calculation worksheet
     o Exemptions & Exclusions slide set
     o Postharvest Sanitizer Excel Database – catalogues postharvest sanitizers, active ingredients, links to labels, and other info
II. 2016 Training Courses and Evaluations
   a. Evaluation data not yet quantified, currently working through data
   b. General feedback received:
      o Manuals useful, well designed
      o Resources to navigate FSMA vs. GAPs appreciated
      o Lack of guidance and slow TAN responses continue to present challenges to educators
      o Materials are content rich – many trainers will offer the course as a 2 day grower training

III. PSA Lead Trainer Process Updates
   a. **Step 1:** Attend a PSA Train-the-Trainer Course
   b. **Step 2:** Fill out the PSA Lead Trainer Supplemental Application
      o Once approved, Lead Trainers can train solo or as a team with other PSA Trainers
      • Current 63 in the queue for Lead Trainer review
      • PSA Lead Trainer Review Committee working through first grouping of applicants and making adjustments to unclear questions, fixing bugs in the review panel and making adjustments to the rubric, overall making the process run more smoothly and efficiently
      • Please do spend time drafting your responses to the Supplemental Application. Be sure to take note of the competency area that each question comes from. Reference the regulatory language or other references, when applicable, to support your responses.

   c. **Questions/Comments:**
      **Comment:** The PSA Train-the-Trainer sessions and Lead Trainer review process are important to maintaining the quality of trainers to ensure accurate information is being shared. Depth of trainer knowledge is important.

      **Question:** Is there a timeline for approval of Lead Trainers?
      **A:** The first cluster is currently in for review. The PSA is making adjustments to the rubric and providing additional clarification on some of the questions. Hoping by next week to move on to the next cluster. The adjustments we’re making now will make the process run more fluidly. We also want to ensure that
we are being transparent in how the review panel is handling each application, to ensure that all applicants receive a fair assessment.

IV. Discussion about national trainer need
   a. The PSA has trained over 600 individuals to deliver PSA training courses
   b. Should we anticipate the need will still be high to conduct TTT Courses in the next year?
      o General comments:
         o Yes – because states are now hiring personnel to conduct inspections and fill other positions related to FSMA outreach and implementation
         o Some states (e.g., FL) will be transitioning to a one TTT/year model in the future
         o Staff turn-over and retirements (e.g., PA) are increasing demand for continuing TTT courses
         o Suggest potentially creating an advanced course for trainers to delve further into this material
         o High need for international trainings and trainers

V. Other notes
   a. PSA has been coordinating with Regional Centers on educational materials: we greatly appreciate all of the collaboration so far!
   b. Spanish translation of PSA materials is coming soon (Feb. 2017) – then other languages will be addressed.

VI. Next Meeting: Tentative Monday, January 30, 2017 – 3 PM EDT
   o Send any agenda items or topics for discussion to Gretchen at glw53@cornell.edu
   o Call in information will be sent closer to the date of the meeting