



**Produce Safety Alliance Educators Call (#25)  
July 25, 2017  
2-3:30 PM EDT  
Meeting Summary**

**Total Attendance: 61 (51 Attendees, 10 Panelists)**

**Meeting recording available at:**

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### **Summary of Session**

This webinar focused on highlighting updates on the development of FSMA specific produce safety educational materials from around the country, not just from the PSA but also from each of the four Regional Centers, the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, and The Local Food Safety Collaborative.

During the call, each group had ten minutes to present an update on currently developed curriculum materials, as well as those that are still in development or planning stages.

### **Agenda**

- 2:00 PM Produce Safety Alliance Educational Materials
- 2:15 PM Northeast Center to Advance Food Safety (NECAFS)
- 2:25 PM Southern Center for Training, Education, Extension, Outreach, and Technical Assistance to Enhance Food Safety
- 2:35 PM North Central Region Center for FSMA Training, Extension, and Technical Assistance
- 2:45 PM Mid-way Questions on PSA, NE, SC, NC materials
- 2:55 PM Western Center for Training, Education, Extension, Outreach, and Technical Assistance Center to Enhance Food Safety
- 3:05 PM Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative
- 3:15 PM Local Food Safety Collaborative
- 3:25 PM Final comments, questions, other educational needs

### **July 25, 2017 Meeting Notes**

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Due to the amount of detail presented during the call, the PowerPoint slides and the audio recording are the best way to access the resources discussed during this call. If you have additional questions about any of the materials, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Regional Centers or Cooperative Agreement groups – the websites are below and include contacts for the staff working on these projects.

- I. **Produce Safety Alliance Educational Materials – Gretchen Wall**  
Website: <https://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/resources/general-resource-listing>
- II. **Northeast Center to Advance Food Safety (NECAFS) – Elizabeth Newbold**  
Website: [www.uvm.edu/extension/necafs](http://www.uvm.edu/extension/necafs)
- III. **Southern Center for Training, Education, Extension, Outreach, and Technical Assistance to Enhance Food Safety – Jessica Lepper**  
Website: <http://sc.ifas.ufl.edu/>
- IV. **North Central Region Center for FSMA Training, Extension, and Technical Assistance – Angela Shaw**  
Website: <https://ncrfsma.org/>
- V. **Western Center for Training, Education, Extension, Outreach, and Technical Assistance Center to Enhance Food Safety – Jovana Kovacevic**  
Website: <http://agsci.oregonstate.edu/wrfsc>
- VI. **Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative – Janie Hipp**  
Website: <http://indigenousfoodandag.com/food-safety/>
- VII. **Local Food Safety Collaborative – Barbara Patterson**  
Website: <https://nfu.org/farmsafety/local-food-safety-collaborative/>
- VIII. **Questions & Discussion:**
  - **Are trainers continuing to do basic GAPs trainings or are they moving exclusively to PSA training?**
    - In NY, educators are doing both, depending on the audience. Several presenters on the call agreed that they often focus on basic GAPs knowledge for growers new to produce safety before introducing the full PSA course. Ultimately, growers will need to be prepared for their buyer requirements, regardless of whether they are subject to the PSR.
  - **When will the PSA online course launch? Will this course be equivalent to the in-person PSA Grower Training?**
    - Tentatively targeting 2018, but this may change with pending curriculum edits and review by FDA. This course will meet the same requirements as the in-person PSA Grower Training.
  - **Comment:** The On-Farm Readiness Review program may help prepare some growers for compliance. NECAFS is hosting a webinar on Monday, July 31 from 11:00-12:30pm Eastern:  
[http://www.uvm.edu/extension/necafs/upcoming\\_events](http://www.uvm.edu/extension/necafs/upcoming_events).

- **Are there any basic resources to teach growers about microbiology?**
  - Yes, the Tribal Nations group has done several webinars on this topic. Many utilize PhD's or academics to give short presentations on micro at trainings.
- **Can any grower attend the trainings that the Tribal Nations group is offering?**
  - Absolutely. Some content may be specific to tribal and sacred foods, which may not apply to everyone.
- **Is the Western Center offering another project submission period next year?**
  - Unfortunately, likely not. They are unsure of the fate of their funding to continue this work.
- **Comment:** In the North Central Region, additional courses are being developed for cheese-making, hydroponics, and GroupGAP vs. FSMA resources.
- **What is your best guidance on how to reach growers in remote regions?**
  - Many different ways to approach this. Showing up at annual grower meetings to give intro talks on FSMA; remote presentations via webinars. Key is knowing who they are and meeting them where they are at in terms of their produce safety progression (i.e., do they already have food safety plans, do they have market pressures, do they need to comply with FSMA).

**IX. Next Meeting: Tentative Tuesday August 29, 2017 – 2 PM EDT**

- Send additional items or topics for discussion to Gretchen at [glw53@cornell.edu](mailto:glw53@cornell.edu)
- Call in information will be sent closer to the date of the meeting