



# Produce Safety Educators Monthly Meeting #2

*October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
2PM EDT*



**Cornell University**  
Department of Food Science

# Instructions

- **All participants are muted.**
  - To ask a question or make a comment, please ‘raise your hand’ using the small button on the right hand panel
  - We may not get around to all comments/questions, BUT you may leave additional comments in the comment box to be compiled after the session
- **We will open 5 active polls.**
  - Please respond to the polls promptly. You do not have to answer any questions you do not feel comfortable with.
  - Feel free to use the chat box feature
- **This session is being recorded.**
- **Notes will be circulated after the meeting.**



# Agenda

- **PSA Progress**
  - Timeline
- **Funding Discussion**
  - Current funding for produce safety outreach and education
  - Challenges of securing funding for produce safety extension
  - Strategies and advocating for future food safety funding to meet training requirement in the proposed produce rule
- **Engaging Growers**
  - **Comment period ends Nov. 15, 2013**



# PSA Progress Update

- Module 5: Agricultural Water sent for review
- Two more modules left for review (Postharvest Sanitation & Food Safety Plan)
- Hoping to start T-the-T once trainer qualifications doc has been finalized, winter/spring 2014



# Poll 1

**Do you currently have funding for produce safety outreach and education?**

1. Yes
2. No



# Poll 2

**Where does the majority of your current funding for produce safety education and outreach come from?**

*(If not listed, please type into chat box)*

1. State delivered specialty crop block grants
2. Federal competitive (USDA/FDA/NIFA)
3. Center for Produce Safety
4. Industry (commodity groups)
5. Other (submit in chat box)



# Poll 3

**If you need funding, do you need funding for:**

*(If not listed, please type into chat box)*

1. New hires (salaries)
2. Funding for programming (travel, site hosting, educational materials)
3. Other



# Poll 4

**Where do you think we, as educators, should advocate that future funding should come from?**

*(Given the education requirement in the proposed rule)*

1. Federal (FDA/USDA)
2. State
3. Industry
4. Produce Safety Alliance
5. Other





# Poll 5

**Next meeting: Does Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 2PM Eastern work for you?**

1. Yes
2. No



# Other Topics

- FDA Outreach Plan to Generate Comments
  - Regional/State webinars  
*(On hold due to government shutdown)*
- Next meeting: Monday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 2PM Eastern  
*(Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day)*



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