Happy Holidays PSA Members!

First of all, we would like to extend a big thank you to all those who have made this year such a productive one for the Produce Safety Alliance. With 168 dedicated working committee members, 20 fearless steering committee co-chairs, and 15 very supportive executive committee members, we are truly fortunate to have such great resources, contacts, and unbounded knowledge at our finger tips. We have made significant progress in all the committees since our first teleconference held in May 2011. Since that time, we have hosted 49 committee meetings and gained a wealth of valuable information, all documented in what we affectionately call "The Monster Doc". Currently, working committees 1-6 are wrapping up their teleconferences and the topics that they were tasked with discussing. We will be publishing final reports from these committees shortly after the New Year for review by the Executive and Steering committee members. Working committees 7-10 are still making great strides in their discussions related to the outreach, training, and certification aspects of the curriculum. There is still time to join the working committees, as WC's 7-10 will continue to meet after the New Year.

Please visit the website (http://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/working.html) to view the committee objectives and access the application form.

Dynamic Distribution

The PSA's working committee (WC) members are scattered throughout 34 states across the country. See the PSA's membership reach by checking out our membership map! If your state is not represented, consider bringing your thoughts to the PSA by joining a WC.

Current Events in Produce Safety: December 2011

It is anticipated that the new Produce Safety Regulation of the FDA's Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) will arrive early next year. Until then, you can follow updated reports of FSMA on the FDA's website at: http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/FSMA/default.htm.

Resource Reminders:

The calendar is continually updated online with committee meeting dates and (http://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/calendar.html).

In addition, WC meeting notes are available for download as they are received (http://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/wk-notes.html).

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Lastly, we wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. As always, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Betsy Bihn (eab38@cornell.edu) if you have any questions. We look forward to continuing a great partnership with all of our members and moving forward with the PSA curriculum development.

Take care,

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