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Hello Produce Safety Alliance Members!

As we enter 2012, the PSA is looking forward to another productive year and exciting steps forward on curriculum development. It's hard to believe February is upon us, but January has flown by with six more working committee meetings, bringing us to a total of 62 meetings held since May of 2011.

As our working committees wrap up their discussions and final recommendations, we have begun to conduct focus groups with fruit and vegetable farmers to gather their thoughts and opinions about produce safety as well as what they expect from a training program. Going forward, having this base of knowledge direct from farmers' perspectives will help us create and deliver an efficient and effective training program with learning objectives based on content identified in the working committees.

News from the Working Committees

Our ten working committees (WCs) and co-chairs have been working diligently through the New Year and making significant progress on developing their recommendations and summaries of discussions. Working committee 10, tasked with discussing certification related activities, has published their [report](#) which is available on the PSA's website. We are excited to share these discussions, as well as other future WC summaries with you in the near future.

Current Events in Produce Safety: January 2012

It's been one year since President Obama signed the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) into law. A summary of FSMA's one year progress report can be found online at: <http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/FSMA/ucm285635.htm>

It is anticipated that the new Produce Safety Regulation of the FDA's Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) will arrive early this 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>.

Keep Up-To-Date

Visit our website at (<http://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/psa.html>) and join the general listserve. Stay up to date with the PSA's activities as well as the upcoming produce safety regulation. The listserve currently reaches 380+ people from the U.S. and beyond who have an interest in produce safety education and outreach.

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Other Resources

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

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

Want to pass on the word about the Produce Safety Alliance to others? Visit the website to download the most recent updates and progress from the [PSA flyer](#).

As always, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Betsy Bihn (eab38@cornell.edu) if you have any questions.

Take care,

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