

Produce Safety ALLIANCE

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Hello Produce Safety Alliance Members!

Spring seems to be in full swing here in the Northeast (arriving almost a month early here in NY!) and I am sure there are plenty of others already out in the field. Fear not the constant frost threats and allow me to share some PSA progress!

Working Committee Updates

This month we continue to make significant progress within the working committees wrapping up final discussions and written summaries. We are happy to share three additional working committees' final summary documents as WC 1, WC 8, and WC 6 have all completed their conversations and summaries. When the draft Produce Safety Regulations in FSMA is released, some WCs may want to revisit their final document to make sure it is still relevant and includes issues critical to the new regulation. All working committee summaries are available online at <http://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/summary.html>.

PSA Focus Groups

The last set of focus groups with fruit and vegetable growers will be conducted this month in California. We have been discussing challenges to implementing Good Agricultural Practices, preferred methods of learning, and attributes of effective training programs to minimize food safety risks at the farm. Upon completion, a summary of these listening sessions will be made available on the PSA website.

Current Events in Produce Safety: March 2012

The FDA continues to make progress on the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). Check out their [three month progress report](#) online.

Spotlight Series

With growing participation of Hmong farmers in American agriculture, the Bioproducts & Biosystems Engineering Department at the University of Minnesota has been uniquely focused on creating sustainable training programs for GAPs and safe food handling for Hmong American farmers. To learn more about the educational materials and training available from this program, please visit the "[Harvesting Healthier Food: A Program of Safe Food Handling Practices for Immigrant Farmers](#)".

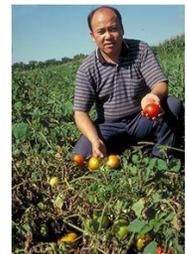


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Keep Up-To-Date

Get the latest updates on the PSA's activities and future produce safety regulations through our listserv. To sign up, please visit our website at <http://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/psa.html>.

Interested in a handout to use at meetings? Download the [PSA Flyer](#) to share with others.

Other Resources

The [calendar](#) is continually updated online with committee meeting dates.

Miss a meeting? All [WC meeting notes](#) and [summaries](#) are available for download as they are received.

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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