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Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training Course

Special Offering for Industry

Certificate Course at the Food Safety Summit

06 May 2019

Donald Stephens Convention Center

Rosemont, Illinois

9 am to 5 pm

The PSA Grower Training course is one way to satisfy the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement outlined in § 112.22(c) that requires ‘*At least one supervisor or responsible party for your farm must have successfully completed food safety training at least equivalent to that received under standardized curriculum recognized as adequate by the Food and Drug Administration.*’ The standardized curriculum was created for fruit and vegetable growers and others interested in learning about produce safety, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), and co-management of natural resources and food safety.

Produce industry attendees of the Food Safety Summit will benefit from this course by gaining a better understanding of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements for farms, how those requirements are communicated to farms, and how they compare with your industry standards.

This course is taught in an easy to understand language intended to help you make informed decisions related to your farm or your produce suppliers.

Trainers

Dr. Don Stoeckel is the Midwest Region Extension Associate for the Produce Safety Alliance. He is a Trainer-of-Trainers with a strong background in microbiology and water quality, and 10 years of experience as a produce safety trainer.

Dr. Sergio Nieto Montenegro is the President of Food Safety Consulting & Training Solutions in El Paso, TX and Chihuahua, MX. He has spent over 10 years helping the produce industry achieve produce safety goals in the US and in countries that export produce to the US.

How to Register

Visit the Food Safety Summit Registration page at

www.foodsafetystrategies.com/registration/rates

- \$435 before March 31
- \$485 on or after April 1st

Registration includes lunch, training manual, certificate of completion from AFDO, and 15% off any full conference package.

What to Expect at the PSA Grower Training Course

The trainers will spend approximately seven hours of instruction time covering content contained in these seven modules:

- Introduction to Produce Safety
- Worker Health, Hygiene, and Training
- Soil Amendments
- Wildlife, Domesticated Animals, and Land Use
- Agricultural Water (Part I: Production Water; Part II: Postharvest Water)
- Postharvest Handling and Sanitation
- How to Develop a Farm Food Safety Plan

In addition to learning about produce safety best practices, key parts of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements are outlined within each module. There will be time for questions and discussion, so participants should come prepared to share their experiences and produce safety questions.

Benefits of Attending the Course

The course will provide a foundation of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and co-management information, FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements, and details on how to develop a farm food safety plan. Individuals who participate in this course are expected to gain a basic understanding of:

- Microorganisms relevant to produce safety and where they may be found on the farm
- How to identify microbial risks, practices that reduce risks, and how to begin implementing produce safety practices on the farm
- Parts of a farm food safety plan and how to begin writing one
- Requirements in the FSMA Produce Safety Rule and how to meet them.

After attending the entire course, participants will be eligible to receive a certificate from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) that verifies they have completed the training course. To receive an AFDO certificate, a participant must be present for the entire training and submit the appropriate paperwork to their trainer at the end of the course.

For More Information

PSA Grower Training course

- Please visit our web site at producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu or
- Contact Don Stoeckel at dstoeckel@cornell.edu

Food Safety Summit

- Please visit the web site at www.foodsafetystrategies.com/food-safety-summit