



North Central Region

Center for FSMA Training, Extension
and Technical Assistance

March 2022

NCR FSMA Annual Conference

We are looking forward to seeing you at the NCR FSMA virtual annual conference on March 1 and 3, 2022, 9am-3pm, Central time. The Zoom meeting will open at 8:30 for informal discussion and networking time. See all the details of the conference at <https://www.ncrfsma.org/annual-conference>. If you haven't received the calendar invitation with the Zoom call information, please [register](#).

Has your group done produce safety research over the past few years? We desire to share these posters and projects after the conference for continuous professional development. Sign up is within the registration form or email Ellen Johnsen at johnsene@iastate.edu to share your poster/short video. Posters from previous events are welcome. We'll send you a thank you gift card for participating in the poster session.

You'll have until March 31 to read those posters or watch the videos. If you watch/read five of them, [fill out this form](#), and we'll send you a \$10 gift card as a "door prize."

Evaluation and Impact Reports



The 2021 evaluation report and the shorter impact report for the NCR FSMA have both been released. These documents share the impacts of the NCR FSMA based on its evaluation in 2021. Throughout the life of the NCR FSMA, evaluation has been used to measure its impact and receive continuous feedback to improve its work. This [report shares evaluation results](#) related to each objective of the NCR FSMA 2.0 in 2021. The shorter, [impact](#)

[report shares the highlights of the Center](#) over the past year.

You can find them both on the [Impact page](#) of our website.

Events from Partners



During the month of March and the first week of April, the Kansas Department of Agriculture will offer a [Specialty Crop Lunch and Learn Webinar Series](#). Topics of interest include production practices, specialized equipment, floriculture, diversifying and scaling your operation, turning your specialty crop operation into an agritourism destination, and specialty crop marketing plans and strategies. The six-part webinar series will be held at noon every Tuesday from March 1 through April 5.

UW-Madison Division of Extension Community Food Systems Program will provide no-cost virtual workshops for food entrepreneurs 10-11:15am (Central time), every Monday from March 7 to April 4. These are geared towards farms and food entrepreneurs looking to grow their businesses. [Registration is required.](#)

The CONTACT Team is delighted to bring you “Safe-Tea: Brewing and Using Agricultural Teas Safely?”, on March 10, at 2:30 Central time. This webinar will feature the terrific trio of Dr. Dave Ingram (FDA/CFSAN), Donna Clements (Produce Safety Alliance), and Billy Mitchell (Local Food Safety Collaborative) to discuss agricultural teas. This webinar is free and will be held via Zoom. [Registration is required.](#) Produce safety industry, government, and academia are encouraged to come. All are invited!

The Scientific Committee for the [2022 Urban Food Systems Symposium](#) invites you to submit an abstract for consideration as an oral or poster presentation. The 2022 symposium will be held September 26-28, in Kansas City, Missouri. The theme for the symposium is Building Coalitions for a Changing World as viewed through our work in urban food systems. Urban food systems work includes a broad array of topics related to urban agriculture and the interaction of urban populations and the food system.

FSOP Meeting



The Lead Regional Coordination Center, along with the four USDA-NIFA regional centers, is hosting the 2022 Food Safety Outreach Program Project National Project Director’s Meeting. This will run from May 25-26, at the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista hotel in Orlando, FL. The expectation for each project is to submit an abstract for publication in the abstract booklet. Abstracts should be sent to southerncenter@ifas.ufl.edu by May 1, 2022. We will share more information regarding the hotel in the coming weeks. (We are still confirming how many people plan to attend in-person, so please don’t buy a plane ticket until plans are finalized.)

FDA Updates

On February 15, the Senate confirmed Dr. Robert Califf as the next commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, and he was sworn in on February 17. He previously served in this role during the Obama Administration. Former Acting Director Janet Woodcock will remain with the agency as the principal deputy commissioner.

Job Openings

K-State

The [Extension Associate](#) will respond to questions from Kansas Extension personnel and produce growers related to produce safety and assist with regulatory requirements. The position will provide assistance with carrying out on-farm produce safety assessments and on-farm food safety plans. The Extension Associate will coordinate and implement produce safety training across the state of Kansas.

Michigan State University

MSU is hiring a [Director of the Institute of Agricultural Technology](#) (IAT). This is a full-time, 12-month position having a 100% administration assignment. The Director will hold a rank as a fixed-term faculty member. The position start date is anticipated to be late spring of 2022.

The Department of Community Sustainability and Center for Regional Food Systems at Michigan State University are hiring the [W.K. Kellogg Foundation Endowed Chair in Food and Society and Director, MSU Center for Regional Food Systems](#).

University of Florida

The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences is seeking full-time [Education and Training Specialist](#) who will be part of a state-wide team responsible for coordinating, conducting and documenting training activities related to implementation of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule in the State of Florida.

Purdue University

Purdue University is hiring a [Horticulture Crops Research Manager](#). The position will provide overall management of field operations including implementing and maintaining applied field research trials related to fruit, vegetable and specialty crops at the Samuel Meigs Horticulture Facility, located within the Throckmorton Purdue Ag Center.

Meeting to Discuss the Proposed Water Rule Changes

The Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development and NASDA are co-hosting a meeting geared towards growers. The [Zoom webinar](#) will be on March 2, from 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm, Central time. No registration is required. FDA officials will give a brief presentation and be available to answer questions.

Funding Available

Are you working on a food safety project, and you need additional funds to:

- 1) Provide honorarium for a speaker at a food safety program
- 2) Provide print-outs at a food safety program
- 3) Provide demonstrations for food safety programs
- 4) Modify existing food safety materials
- 5) Translate materials into another language
- 6) Sponsor registration for an underserved produce industry member to be trained and/or
- 7) Supplies to host a Produce Safety Alliance or Preventive Control for Human Food or food safety program?



Funds are available to pay for educator/regulator professional development and for the trainer sharing program. In most cases, the NCR FSMA will reimburse you for expenses after the event. Stipends are \$500 each for the professional development funds and trainer sharing program. Each state may apply for one stipend for each program per year (September through August). If not all the funds have been requested by July, states may apply for additional stipends.

Upcoming NCR FSMA Meetings

The **Listening Sessions/ Webinars** happen on the third Thursday of every month at 2:00, Central time. The next meeting will be on March 17. We will hear presentations about two of the mini-grants that the NCR FSMA awarded. Jordan DeVries will be presenting on his project, and Shannon Coleman and Lisa Bates will share about theirs.

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, or Android device:

Join the meeting.

Or, go to <https://iastate.zoom.us/join> and enter meeting ID: 845 702 039

Join from dial-in phone line:

Dial: +1 646 876 9923 or +1 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 845 702 039

Update from the last meeting:

James Dedecker from Michigan State University Extension spoke about wildlife management. You can listen/watch a [recording](#) and find the links that were shared in the chat in the Box folder. Let us know if you can't access it.

Upcoming Special Population Meetings:

For login information for any of these meetings please email Ellen Johnsen at johnsene@iastate.edu.

The **meeting for state inspectors/regulators** will not happen on its regular day, since there are lots of other meetings that week. They will join the Inventory/Data group on March 18, at 9:00 Central time.

The **meeting for data/inventory** will happen Friday, March 18, at 9:00 am Central time, along with the Inspectors.

The **meeting for program managers** will happen Tuesday, March 8, at 10:00 am Central time. If you oversee your state's CAP grant, please plan to join to discuss FDA reporting and other projects.

Upcoming PSA Courses

Indiana in-person: Apr. 7

Iowa in-person: March 10

Iowa/Nebraska/North Dakota/South Dakota remote: April 5 & 6

Kansas/Missouri remote: Mar. 10 & 11

Michigan remote: Mar. 8 and 22; Apr. 12 and 26

Minnesota in-person: Apr. 8

Minnesota remote: Mar. 16 & 17

Ohio in-person: Mar. 15 and 16; Apr. 12

Wisconsin remote: continues through March 10

Online course: begins every three weeks

Check out the [Calendar](#) for postings of PSA courses offered nationally.

Find a list of [registered PSA Trainers](#).

Upcoming FSPCA Courses

- Illinois: PC Human Food: Mar. 1, 7, 23, and 30; Apr. 4, 5, 25, and 27; May 3, 9, and 25; June 6, 7, and 27; July 11 and 20
PC Animal Food: Apr. 19
FSVP: Mar. 3, 15, and 23; Apr. 12 and 28; May 5; June 14
- Indiana: PC Human Food: Mar. 31
- Iowa: PC Human Food: Mar. 2; Apr. 12
PC Animal Food: June 6
FSVP: Mar. 15
- Michigan: PC Human Food: Mar. 22
PC Animal Food: Mar. 22
FSVP: May 25
- Nebraska: PC Human Food: June 7
- Ohio: PC Human Food: Mar. 15
- Wisconsin: PC Human Food: Apr. 5; May 17
- Online: PC Human Food: Mar. 2, 7, 8, 14, 16, 21, 25, 28, 29, and 31; April 4, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, and 25; May 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 23, and 25; June 6, 8, 13, 16, 20, 22, and 28; July 5
PC Human Food (Spanish): Mar. 7, 14, 21, and 28
PC Human Food (Chinese): Mar. 7, 14, 21, and 28
PC Animal Food: Mar. 1, 7, 11, and 29; Apr. 4, 6, 8, and 27; May 9, 13, and 19; June 6, 8, 14, 17, and 22; July 11
FSVP: Mar. 1, 2, 5, 7, 15, 22, 23, and 24; April 1, 7, and 12; May 3, 4, 5, 17, and 26; June 2

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Thanks for your continued interest in the North Central Region Center for FSMA Training, Extension, and Technical Assistance as we develop the necessary foundation for future collaboration. If you have specific questions or feedback, please email ncrfsma@iastate.edu.

Sincerely,
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