



North Central Region

Center for FSMA Training, Extension
and Technical Assistance

May 2025

NCR FSMA Annual Conference



We had a great time in Kansas City- learning from one another, visiting a farm/processing facility, and eating barbecue. Thank you to the conference planning team and everyone who attended the event! If you attended the conference and haven't filled out the evaluation form, please complete that by May 7.

Thanks for all the great discussions that happened in Olathe!

Social Network Analysis

As part of the evaluation work, Arlene Enderton is conducting a social network analysis of the NCR FSMA partners. Please [complete this survey](#) by May 16, to be included. The final report will not use anyone's name, but it will help us show how the NCR FSMA Center has helped connect people and influenced people's work. If you filled this out at the annual conference, you don't need to fill it out again.

NCR FSMA 2024 Evaluation Report

EVALUATION



The Center was evaluated in 2024 using five evaluation methods. The following are highlights of the evaluation results, organized by three questions:

1. What is going well with the NCR FSMA 3.0?
2. What impacts has the NCR FSMA had?
3. What more could the NCR FSMA do?

Read the [2024 Evaluation Report](#) to learn more about the evaluation methods and the answers to these questions.

New NCR FSMA Resource



Hayley Wood from the Local Food Safety Collaborative/National Farmers Union recently created a new resource. Thanks, Hayley! "[Food Safety in Community Free Fridges](#)" covers best practices for freely-available refrigerators. As the document says, "Accessibility does not have to compromise safety!" Hayley received one of the NCR FSMA stipends for creating a new resource. If you have ideas for new resources, please talk to Ellen.

FSOP National Project Directors' Meeting



People who have received Food Safety Outreach Project grants will gather in Tampa, FL, on May 28-29. They will be sharing about their projects, to help create new partnerships and make others aware of the new resources they have created. **Everyone is invited to join the meeting virtually. It's free to attend, but you do need to register by May 27.** Tune in and see what is happening around the country. You can check out the agenda and find the projects that work with groups similar to populations you work with in your area.

IAFP Annual Meeting

The International Association for Food Protection will host its [Annual Meeting](#) July 27-30, in Cleveland, OH. Register by July 3 for the cheaper rate.

Center for Produce Safety Research Symposium

The 2025 [CPS Research Symposium](#) will take place June 17-18 at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla, San Diego, CA.

Food Safety Summit

The [Food Safety Summit](#) will be held May 12-15, in Rosemont, IL. If you're not able to attend in person, some of the sessions will be livestreamed. Registration is required to attend either way.

IFSH Workshop

The Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH) recently announced that it is cancelling the [High-Throughput Sequencing Symposium and Whole Genome Sequence Analyses Workshop](#). The workshop had been planned for May 20-21. They hope to reschedule for this fall or next spring.

New Resources on the Food Safety Resource Clearinghouse

The ITIPS project - [Interactive Tools to Improve the Practice of Food Safety](#)- has updated the interactive modules of the project. This interactive module will guide you through a food processing facility that uses food safety best practices in the:

- Breakroom
- Food Processing floor
- Warehouse and Distribution
- Facilities & Grounds.

Interact with virtual workers in the rooms to learn the best practices, and be challenged by a quiz! This resource is available in both English and Spanish.

NCR FSMA Funding

There is a [\\$500 stipend](#) for each state, each budget year of the project for professional development events or training supplies. There are a small number of stipends available for creating new resources and reviewing resources through the Clearinghouse. Please contact Ellen with questions about the stipends and apply on-line.

NCR FSMA Meetings

The next NCR FSMA webinar will be May 15, at 2:00pm, Central time. Nicole Baysel and Arlene Enderton will be presenting about the results of the inspectors' survey. Come learn what the most cited sections of the PSR were on the 4056 forms.

Past Webinars- in April, Phil Tocco talked about packing houses. We forgot to record this webinar, but you can find recordings of most past meetings in the [NCR FSMA Box](#). Please let us know if you need access to the Box.

The state inspectors/regulators will meet next on Friday, May 2, at 9am, Central time.

The meeting for data/inventory/outreach staff will be Friday, May 16, at 9am, Central time.

The meeting for program managers will be Tuesday, May 13, at 10am, Central time.

Please contact us if you need call information for any of these meetings.

Upcoming Trainings for Growers and Processors

Looking for a training for growers or processors? You can find the upcoming trainings on the [Produce Safety Alliance](#) or [Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance](#) websites.

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Thank you for your continued involvement with the NCR FSMA!

Sincerely,
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