



North Central Region

Center for FSMA Training, Extension
and Technical Assistance

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News from USDA-NIFA

Food Safety Outreach Program applications must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on June 6, 2019. [Read the full RFA.](#)

[Lakshman Rajagopal](#) is the FSOP liaison for the NCR FSMA. All FSOP project proposals must have a communication plan with the center. Please contact him with questions regarding communication plans.

If you have an idea and are looking for a partner to work on the project with, [contact us](#), and we will help connect people.

For letters of support for your application, please contact [Ellen](#).

Annual Conference Happening Soon

The NCR FSMA will be hosting its first annual conference June 10-11, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport (2501 South High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46241 www.crowneplaza.com/ind-airport).

The conference will begin at 1:00pm on Monday and conclude at 3:00pm on Tuesday. On Monday, snacks and a light appetizer reception will be provided. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are provided on Tuesday.

Please let us know if you have any special needs for the event.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Indianapolis!

Biological Soil Amendments Workshop

The North Central Region Center is hosting a Produce Safety Rule Biological Soil Amendments of Animal Origin Pilot Workshop on September 11-12, 2019. Space is limited. Cost is \$25 to cover lunch and snacks.

See our website for all the [details](#) and [register today](#). Only thirteen spots remain open.

Wednesday- workshop in Altoona, Iowa

Thursday- optional tour of a composting facility in Ames, Iowa

Upcoming Meetings

The Listening Sessions/ Webinars happen the third Thursday of every month at 2:00 Central time. Join us for the next meeting on June 20. We will be recapping breakout sessions from the annual conference.

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

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Update from the last meeting:

If you missed the May 16 meeting on Flooding, you can find a recording and minutes on our [website](#).

Educational Add On Updates

Highlighted Resource



FSMA Produce Safety Rule: Dealing with Wildlife. Wildlife on the farm is natural and often unavoidable. Although animals can be beneficial, such as predatory mammals or raptors that reduce rodent population, birds and bats that reduce insect pests, or others that pollinate crops, some may pose food safety risks. FSMA focuses on reduction and prevention of food safety risks and includes considerations and corrective actions a farm can take to identify and mitigate risks associated with wildlife on farms.

Resources recently added to the website

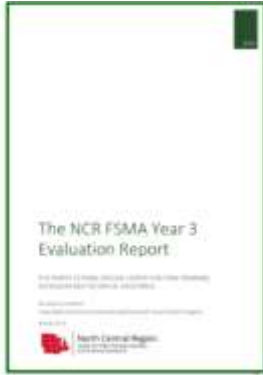
We recently added state-by-state maps of water testing labs to the [Resources](#) section of the website. If your state has a map and it did not get listed, please send us the link.

Resources being edited by the subgroups

- FSMA Summary for Midwest Hops Growers This document is to assist those who grow Hops with compliance with the Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule.
- On-Farm Training Guide for Employees and Volunteers This is a flip-chart that can be used as a training guide for employees and volunteers on produce farms. It is broken

into Pre-Harvest, Harvest, and Post-Harvest activities and can be used in one session or multiple sessions.

Year Three NCR FSMA Evaluation Report Released



We recently released our [Year Three Evaluation Report](#). Highlights include:

- State leads have developed deeper relationships among partners.
- Improved communications between NCR FSMA staff and partners.
- With feedback from the knowledge assessments, Grower Trainers have taught increasingly effective PSA courses.

In a hurry? Read the two-page [summary](#).

Events Sponsored by Other Organizations

OFRR Training

NASDA will be holding an [On-Farm Readiness Review](#) training in Denver, CO June 25-27

The training has limited availability. If interested, please register for the [Denver](#) training ASAP. There is no cost to attend but registration is required.

Attendees must stay for the entirety of the course to be considered a completer.

Please reach out to [Felicity Mejeris](#) with questions (202-296-9680).

Juice HACCP Course

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has developed a new Juice HACCP course to help fill the requirements in 21CFR120 for training. The [course](#) will be held June 26 in Madison, WI.

This course is intended for operators in industry looking for training specific to Juice hazards and development of their HACCP plan. It is not intended to teach HACCP principals (there will be a short HACCP refresher). Contact Erin Bergwin for more information.

Working with Plain Communities

Learn more about how to better work with Amish and Mennonite communities at two conferences in Millersburg, Ohio, on August 1 and August 2.

August 1 is the biennial [Amish Health Conference](#), which is focused on those who serve the Amish in health-related capacities. August 2 is the [Amish and Plain Anabaptist Studies Association \(APASA\) Conference](#).

Water Summit Final Report

Read the [final report of the 2018 Water Summit](#) that was recently published by the Produce Safety Alliance.

FDA Updates

Last month, the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition released a constituent update. Some people use frozen berries without first cooking them, increasing their risk of exposure to harmful viruses. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported three hepatitis A virus outbreaks and one norovirus outbreak linked to frozen berries in the United States from 1997 to 2016. The FDA began sampling frozen berries for each hazard as part of the agency's efforts to protect consumers and ensure food safety. [Read more on our website.](#)

Upcoming PSA Courses

Iowa: June 10
Kansas: July 11; Aug. 2 and 26; Sept. 6; Oct. 3; Nov. 8 and 15
Michigan: June 4
Missouri: Nov. 13
Ohio: June 1

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Upcoming FSPCA Courses

Illinois: PC Human Food: Jun. 17 and 18; July 15 and 17; Aug. 6, 12, and 27; Sept. 16 and 18; Oct. 1 and 21; Nov. 4 and 5; Dec. 9
FSVP: June 5 and 25
Indiana: PC Animal Food: June 19
Iowa: PC Human Food: Jun. 12; July 1; Sept. 30; Dec. 2
Michigan: PC Human Food: June 18; July 23; Sept. 18
FSVP: Oct. 10
Minnesota: PC Human Food: June 12 and 19; Sept. 11 and 23
FSVP: Sept. 26

Missouri: PC Human Food: June 10
FSVO: June 6

Nebraska: PC Human Food: Aug. 14 and Oct. 21
PC Animal Food: Jun. 25

North Dakota: PC Human Food: June 24

Ohio: PC Human Food: June 5

South Dakota: PC Animal Food: June 19

Wisconsin: PC Human Food: Aug. 7; Nov. 5
FSVP: Jun. 26

Online: Human Food: June 5, 21, 25, and 27; July 3, 11, 12, 24, and 25; Aug. 13; Sept. 24;
Oct. 10, 23, and 24; Nov. 7, 20, and 21; Dec. 12
FSVP: June 23
PC Animal Food: June 3; July 1; Sept. 3

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[Happy World Food Safety Day on June 7!](#)

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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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