

May 2019 Newsletter



North Central Region
Center for FSMA Training, Extension
and Technical Assistance

News from USDA-NIFA

The Food Safety Outreach Program RFA was recently released. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on June 6, 2019.

[Read the RFA.](#)

The Southern Center reviewed the document and highlighted these points:

- "Previously funded Project Directors are eligible to submit proposals in FY 2019." p. 11
- There are now two types of award instead of three: Community Outreach (\$80-150k over 2 years) and Collaborative Education and Training (\$200-400k over 3 years).
- Each grant offers up to an additional \$150k for Collaborative Engagement Supplements for projects that include **significant** collaborations with 1890s, 1862s, 1994s, Insular Areas, ANNH, or HSACU, to increase outreach to underserved minority communities.

[Lakshman Rajagopal](#) is the FSOP contact person for the NCR FSMA.

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

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

Please let us know how we can help support your application. We're looking forward to seeing what amazing ideas everyone has to promote food safety in our region.

Register now for the [Annual Conference](#)

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).

Registration deadline is May 6, at noon Central time.

Make your hotel reservation by calling 317-244-6861 and ask for the NCR FSMA Annual Conference rate.

May 10 is the last day to make hotel reservations and receive the conference rate.

Registration fee for the conference is \$75, which includes Monday snacks and evening appetizer reception and Tuesday breakfast, lunch, and snacks.

The conference will begin at 1:00pm on Monday and conclude at 3:00pm on Tuesday. The optional farm tour on Monday morning is full. When you register, you will be asked if you'd like to participate in a lightning round talk or a poster session. **We will need the final titles by May 10.**

Journal Article Published

The Food Protection Trends May/June edition includes an article by NCR FSMA staff. Learn more about the needs assessment we conducted in [the article](#).

Survey Responses Needed

If you have distributed any NCR FSMA-developed resources that you printed yourself, please fill out this [brief survey](#) to help us track how many times our resources are used. If we printed documents and sent them to you, you do not need to fill this out. Thanks!

Upcoming Meetings

You should have received a meeting invitation for our new meetings happening the third Thursday of every month at 2:00 Central time. These will replace the Tuesday listening sessions. Some months will be Listening Sessions and some will be more structured webinars. If you have a topic you'd like to discuss in depth, please let us know. Join us for the next meeting on May 16. We'll be discussing food safety during floods.

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:

If you missed the April 18 meeting, you can find a [recording and minutes](#) in the Box. The powerpoint with all of the NCR FSMA add on's can be found in that same folder.

Educational Add On Updates:

- **Highlighted Resource:**



FSMA Produce Safety Rule: Dealing with Wildlife.

This two-page document 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. It includes a checklist for individual farms.

- **Resources just 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 didn't get listed, please send us the link.

- **Find all the resources available for use on our website.**

- **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.

Impact Stories

Read the latest Impact Story about the meeting in Detroit last fall. If the NCR FSMA hasn't written an impact story about your state yet, please send us an idea. We're hosting several interns this summer and one of their tasks will be writing an impact story. Find all the impact stories on our re-designed website.

FDA Updates

Rapid Response Teams Mark 10 Years of Collaboration on Public Health Emergencies. Read about this milestone on their website.

Events Sponsored by Other Organizations

- 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.
- The Association of Public Health Laboratories held a webinar in April for water testing labs to help them understand what growers will need. To access the archived webinar, please register. You can also download the resource document and a PDF of the slides. Contact Robyn Randolph with questions.

Job Openings

- The Food Science Institute within Kansas State University's College of Agriculture is seeking applicants for a full-time 12-month non-tenure track research assistant professor position to be located at their Olathe campus (Kansas City metropolitan area. Apply by May 31.
- The Western Regional Center and Oregon State University Food Microbiology Lab in Portland are hiring a Food Safety Specialist/Faculty Research Assistant. Applications are being accepted until April 30, 2019.

Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training Courses

- Upcoming Grower PSA courses to be held in the North Central Region:
 - Illinois: May 6
 - Kansas: May 16; July 11; Oct. 3; Nov. 15
- Check out the Calendar for postings of PSA courses offered nationally.
- Find a list of registered PSA Trainers.

Food Safety Preventive Control Alliance Courses (FSPCA) in NCR

- Upcoming FSPCA Courses in the North Central Region
 - Illinois: PC Human Food: May 9, 14, and 15; Jun. 17 and 18; July 15 and 17; Aug. 6 and 12; Sept. 16; Oct. 21; Nov. 4 and 5; Dec. 9
FSVP: May 6
 - Iowa: PC Human Food: May 17 and 21; Jun. 12; Sept. 30; Dec. 2
 - Michigan: PC Human Food: May 21 and 23; June 18
FSVP: Oct. 10

- Minnesota: PC Human Food: June 12 and 19; Sept. 11 and 23
FSVP: Sept. 26
- Nebraska: PC Human Food: May 7
PC Animal Food: Jun. 25
- North Dakota: PC Human Food: June 24
- Ohio: PC Human Food: May 8
- South Dakota: PC Animal Food: June 19
- Wisconsin: PC Human Food: May 21; Aug. 7; Nov. 5
FSVP: Jun. 26
- Online: Human Food: May 2, 17. June 5, 21, 25, and 27; July 3, 12, and 25;
Oct. 10 and 24; Nov. 7 and 21; Dec. 12
FSVP: May 1
PC Animal Food: May 6
- Check out the [calendar](#) for postings of FSPCA courses offered nationally.

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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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