



# North Central Region

## Center for FSMA Training, Extension and Technical Assistance

November 2019

## Year One Report

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Looking for a slightly less text-intensive version of our [Year One Report](#)? You can find one on our website. It's a quick overview of what we've been working on this past year.

## Events Organized by our Partners

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### Pre-Harvest Agriculture Water Treatment Curriculum

Staff from Washington State University, University of Tennessee, University of Florida, Virginia Tech, and North Carolina State University have finalized the pre-harvest agricultural water treatment curriculum. To help share this curriculum with other

interested produce safety extension professionals, they are holding a [train-the-trainer](#) on January 8 in Savannah, GA ahead of the Southeast Regional Fruit and Vegetable Conference. Registration deadline is December 18, and the course is capped at 30 participants.

### Practical Applications of FSMA on the Farm: a produce safety workshop

Nebraska Department of Agriculture and Nebraska Extension are offering a [produce safety workshop](#) on November 19, in Lincoln, NE.

### Food Safety Training Center Open House

The grand opening of the Food Safety Training Center in Vincennes, Indiana happens on November 4, 2019, from 3:00-5:00 pm Eastern time, at the Purdue Extension Food Safety Training Hub. [RSVP online](#).

### Center for Produce Safety Pre-Proposals due Nov. 12

The Center for Produce Safety announced their annual call for preliminary research proposals. Pre-Proposals and required documents should be received by CPS at the following email address: [proposals@centerforproducesafety.org](mailto:proposals@centerforproducesafety.org) no later than 12:00 pm (Pacific Standard Time) on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. CPS Grant Opportunities [webpage](#) provides guidance documents, required forms, and industry collaborators (as they become available).

## PSA Trainings Knowledge Assessment

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As you offer PSA Grower Trainings this fall, please continue to use the [pre- and post- knowledge assessments](#). Please fill out the [cover sheet](#) completely and assign a unique ID number to each assessment (for example 1, 2, 3 not 1A, 1B, 1C). Contact [Arlene](#) with questions.

## Job Openings

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The University of New Hampshire Extension is hiring a [State Specialist in Food Safety](#). This is a 100% extension appointment located at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH.

New Mexico State University has an opening for an [Assistant/Associate Professor](#) for Microbial Food Safety. This is a 12-month tenure-track position with 63% research, 25% Extension, and 12% teaching responsibilities in the area of microbiological food safety.

Cornell University is hiring a [Senior Extension Associate](#) (Director of Institute for Food Safety), Full Time, non-tenure track, academic term position with the Institute of Food Safety within the Department of Food Science. It is posting WDR-00021047.

The University of Missouri seeks a talented full-time [Assistant Professor and State Extension Specialist](#) in Food Processing. The position is offered as a twelve-month, tenure-track at the Assistant Professor rank with a split appointment between extension (70%) and research (30%).

NASDA is announcing a job opening for a [Coordinator, Food Safety Programs](#). The position is designed to provide administrative and technical guidance in support of the NASDA Foundation's FSMA Cooperative Agreements.

## Spanish-language training?

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Are you interested in attending a Spanish-language PSA Train-the-Trainer course? Or do you know someone who might be a great Spanish-language trainer? Do you work with growers who would benefit from a Spanish-language PSA Grower Training? Contact [Alex Cortes](#) in Minnesota to be part of the conversation about Spanish-language training in the North Central Region.

## Funds Available

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### Trainer Sharing Program

Are you short a trainer for your class? Do you need someone to fill in for a couple of modules? We can help. The Center has funds to bring in trainers to your state to ensure every farmer has an equal chance to attend a class near them. Contact Ellen for details or formally request trainer sharing funds through our [website](#).

Funding is available to support sending a lead trainer of the Produce Safety Alliance grower training, Preventive Controls Human Food training, or other food safety certified program training in the absence of lead trainers.

Twelve travel stipends (up to \$500 each) are available each year. All funds are distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Funding can be requested for a niche population training, but not for an individual company.

### Peer Mentorship Program

Want to learn new skills to use in your role as a trainer? Looking to expand your knowledge in a particular area? The Center has a new trainer peer mentorship program. Contact Angela for more information or apply for the program on our [website](#).

Each pair will make a 6 to 9 month commitment to meeting monthly online and once in person. Eight stipends (up to \$1000 each) are available each year to cover travel expenses for the two people to meet. All funds are distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Participants are expected to attend a pre-program webinar and program evaluation. Each mentoring pair will establish their own goals for the match.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR NCR FSMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Mark your calendars for April 1-2, 2020 for the second [annual conference](#) in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The conference will include an optional tour of Superior Fresh. The room block is available at the Lismore Hotel. Registration is now open.

## Alternate Curriculum

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Is your alternate curriculum ready to be reviewed? Are you in the beginning stages of developing a new curriculum? The NCR FSMA, in conjunction with the Lead Regional Center, the FDA, the USDA, and other partners, has developed a review process. The review process is free for any group or organization who is developing an alternate curriculum. It is designed to be a clear process to help developers meet the equivalency standards.

Organizations can start the first stage when they have descriptions of the proposed learning objectives and learning activities. Find out more on the [Alternate Curriculum](#) page on the NCR FSMA website. Contact [Angela](#) with questions.

## Upcoming NCR FSMA Meetings

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The Listening Sessions/ Webinars happen the third Thursday of every month at 2:00 Central time. Join us for the next meeting on November 21. **Traci Knight, from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach** will be sharing best practices for social media.

**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 October 17 meeting with Chelsea Matzen from the Local Food Safety Collaborative, you can [view the slides or listen to a recording](#) in Box or on our website. You can also read the whole report of the [needs assessment and listening sessions](#) on the LFSC website.

## Federal Updates

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### [Food Safety Dashboard](#)

The FDA recently launched a new [Food Safety Dashboard](#) as part of [FDA-TRACK](#), which is one tool the FDA uses to monitor certain FDA programs through key performance measures and projects, and regularly updates to ensure transparency to the public.

## Educational Add On Updates

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### New Resource

A list of [produce safety acronyms](#) that might be helpful to new staff (or as a reminder for current staff) is available on our website. If you would like a term added, please let Ellen know.

## Highlighted Resource



### Federal and State Regulations on Selling Fermented Foods.

This add on includes the definitions sauerkraut, kombucha, kimchi, and fermented foods. It includes federal guidelines and each North Central Region state's individual rules. If your state laws have changed since 2017, please let us know and we will update the document.

## 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.

## Upcoming PSA Courses

Illinois:	Dec. 18; Jan. 8
Indiana:	Nov. 15; Dec. 20
Iowa:	Nov. 6, 7, 14, 21; Jan. 14
Kansas:	Nov. 8 and 15
Michigan:	Nov. 7; Dec. 9; Jan. 16
Minnesota:	Dec. 3 and 18; Jan. 15 and 30
Missouri:	Nov. 13; Jan. 9
Nebraska:	Nov. 15
North Dakota:	Dec. 7
Ohio:	Dec. 3, 17, and 18
Wisconsin:	Jan. 14, 17, and 26

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

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## Upcoming FSPCA Courses

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Illinois:	PC Human Food: Nov. 4, 5, and 13; Dec. 9; Jan. 13
Indiana:	PC Human Food: Nov. 12
Iowa:	PC Human Food: Dec. 2
Michigan:	FSVP: Dec. 10
Missouri:	PC Human Food: Nov. 19; Dec. 16 PC Animal Food: Nov. 13
Ohio:	PC Human Food: Nov. 12
Wisconsin:	PC Human Food: Nov. 5 and 12
Online:	Human Food: Nov. 1, 4, 7, 20, 21, and 22; Dec. 11, 12, and 13; Jan. 8, 16, 17, & 30 PC Animal Food: Nov. 4; Dec. 9 and 10; Jan. 7 FSVP: Nov. 12; Dec. 10 and 16; Jan. 13

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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](mailto:ncrfsma@iastate.edu).

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