



# North Central Region

Center for FSMA Training, Extension  
and Technical Assistance

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## Upcoming NCR FSMA Event



Registration has closed for the [Fall Professional Development event](#). The group will gather October 3-4, in Jefferson City, MO. Some of the sessions will be recorded and shared later. We will send out that information to everyone after the event.

## Job Opening

The University of Minnesota seeks a full-time [Farmer Rancher Grant Program Coordinator](#) for the North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program. The position can be remote, but the person hired must reside in one of the 12 North Central region states.

## Events from our partners

The update of the FSPCA Human Food curriculum has been a major new undertaking for the FSPCA. There will be a Human Food Version 2.0 Curriculum Rollout Session, at the [FSPCA annual conference](#). During this session, you will learn about the changes and improvements to the course, understand why Lead Instructors will need to attend a mandatory refresher training on the new materials, and hear about FSPCA processes that are impacted by Version 2.0 of the curriculum.

## Annual Conference



Mark your calendars for the NCR FSMA annual conference. We will be meeting in Chicago, on April 3-4. More details to follow.

## Funding Available

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How can the NCR FSMA expand your work? To access the \$500 stipends for professional development, outreach to underserved communities, or resource development/translation, [apply on our website](#). One of each of these stipends is available to each state, per year of our grant. The grant year begins in September, so please apply again, if you utilized these funds in the past 12 months.

## Highlighted NCR FSMA Resource

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### [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.

## Congratulations!

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Congratulations to Cindy Borgwordt and partners for receiving the [Group Merit award](#) from Missouri Public Health Association for their outstanding contribution to public health in the state.

## FDA Update

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Last week the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced the availability of two new chapters to the [Draft Guidance for Industry: Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food](#), designed to help food facilities comply with the preventive controls for human food rule mandated by the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act. Chapter 11—Food Allergen Program and Chapter 16—Acidified Foods—are among the chapters that have been added since the draft guidance was first issued in 2016.

Electronic comments can be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [Regulations.gov](#). Written comments should be sent to Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2016-D-2343 and should be submitted within 180 days to ensure the FDA receives comments before it begins work on the final versions of the guidance documents.

## NCR FSMA Meetings

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The [Listening Sessions/ Webinars](#) happen on the third Thursday of every month at 2:00, Central time. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19. We will hear from two FSOP awardees: Maile Auterson from Springfield Community Gardens and Jeff Mears from the Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council.

Arlene Enderton will also be sharing about another evaluation project.

Update from last month's meeting: Claire Murphy, an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist at Washington State University, spoke on "Building and Implementing Environmental Monitoring Programs." You can [watch the recording](#) in the NCR Box Folder.

The meeting for [state inspectors/regulators](#) will be Friday, October 6, at 9am, Central time.

The meeting for [data/inventory/outreach staff](#) will be on Friday, October 20, at 9am, Central time.

The meeting for [program managers](#) will be Tuesday, October 10, at 10am, Central time.

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

## PSA Courses

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Kansas and Missouri: Oct. 18 & 19 (remote)

Michigan: Oct 26; Nov. 13; Dec. 11; Jan. 11; Feb. 22 (all remote)

The Online delivery course is offered monthly.

Check out the [calendar](#) of PSA courses offered nationally.  
Find a list of [registered PSA Trainers](#).

## Upcoming FSPCA Courses

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Illinois: PC Human Food: Oct. 23; Nov. 15; Dec. 6  
FSVP: Oct. 26

Kansas: PC Animal Food: Nov. 14

Wisconsin: PC Human Food: Oct. 17; Nov. 7

Online: PC Human Food: Oct. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 30, and 31;  
Nov. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, and 30;  
Dec. 1, 4, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 22, and 27;  
Jan. 1, 9, 10, 15, 17, 18, 22, 24, and 29; Feb. 1, 5, 7, 10, 12, 20, 21, 22, and 26  
PC Human Food (Spanish): Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27;  
Dec. 4 and 25  
PC Human Food (Chinese): Oct. 2

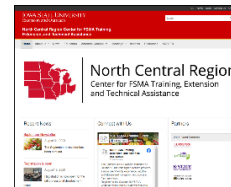
PC Animal Food: Oct. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 23, 24, 25, and 30;  
Nov. 1, 2, 6, 7, 13, 20, 27, and 29; Dec. 4, 6, 11, 18, 20, 21, and 25;  
Jan. 3, 8, 23, 29, and 30; Feb. 5, 12, 13, 14, and 26

FSVP: Oct. 2, 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, 19, 23, 26, 27, and 30;  
Nov. 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 20, 27, 29, and 30;  
Dec. 4, 8, 11, 14, 18, 20, 21, 25, and 28; Jan. 1, 10, 16, 17, 18

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Thank you for your continued involvement with the NCR FSMA!

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