



# North Central Region

Center for FSMA Training, Extension  
and Technical Assistance

September 2020

## Federal Updates

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On August 6, the FDA requested information on the expansion of the rarely consumed raw list for uncommonly consumed produce.

The FDA has teamed up with OSHA to develop the “Employee Health and Food Safety Checklist for Human and Animal Food Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” (This guidance has been added to the NCR’s list of resources.)

The FDA, CDC, and OSHA will hold a webinar on Tuesday, September 1, from 1:30-2:30 pm Central time, to provide a COVID-19 update for food operations stakeholders. During the webinar, subject matter experts will highlight key aspects of the Checklist mentioned above, discuss the CDC testing strategy and its application, and provide an update on FDA inspections. Registration closes Aug. 28 at 5:00 pm Eastern time.

The USDA recently announced the launch of a hub designed to assist local and regional food producers as USDA and its partners develop, share and assess resources on local and regional food system responses to COVID-19.

## Produce Safety Alliance remote training collaboration

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Update: Multi-State Coordination on Remote Delivery PSA Grower Training Courses from Don Stoeckel:

“I wanted to take a minute and thank those of you who provided information and discussion, or otherwise contributed to the NCR listening session that include this topic. We had a great turnout, and shared a lot of information and ideas. There are currently several efforts underway to help with regional coordination and enhance accessibility of courses across the region. Stay tuned, the upcoming training season will be full of new opportunities and experiences!!!”



A [list of remote PSA courses](#), sponsored by trainers in the North Central Region, is available on the NCR website.

A google calendar that will include more details about the training (including how many spots are reserved for growers in a particular state) will be available soon. The plan is to limit access to the calendar to those planning PSA trainings in their states. [Contact Ellen](#) if you'd like access.

## 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 **September 17**. Cal Jamerson and Don Stoeckel will be sharing their interactive pdf and webinar about coverage and exemptions. We'll also have time for questions and discussion from everyone.

### **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 August 20 discussion on collaborating to host remote PSA courses, you can find the [link to recordings and notes](#) on the website. Contact [Don Stoeckel](#) if you have additional thoughts and ideas.

The **meeting for inspectors/state regulators** happens the first Friday of the month at 9:00 am Central time. State government staff take turns leading a discussion, and there's time to share what's happening in your state and ask questions. The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, September 4**. Contact [Ellen](#) for call information.

The **meeting about farm inventories** for state government employees is happening on **Friday, November 20**, at 9:00 am Central time. If you are charged with developing or maintaining the farm inventory in your state, please plan to join the call. Contact [Ellen](#) for call information.

## Funding Available

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Funds are available to help NCR partners (anyone who participates in NCR activities) attend virtual trainings/events (including events like the upcoming, virtual IAFP meeting), engage with a mentor, or bring in a trainer for your (virtual) event. Just let us know how we can support FSMA-related events in your area!

## Educational Add On Updates

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### New Resources from our partners

New [sanitation videos](#) from Kansas State

Have a new resource you created? Let us know and we'll highlight in the next newsletter and on social media.

## NCR Annual Conference 2021

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### Planning Committee Wanted



It is time start thinking about annual conference 2021. The plan right now is to go virtual for 2021 and use the time we have to make it an interactive conference. If you would like to be involved, send Joe a note...planning for first committee meeting in mid-September.

## Upcoming PSA Courses

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Kansas and Missouri: remote course on Nov. 5

Produce Safety Alliance: remote course on Sept. 8-9

Online course: begins every two weeks

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

Find a list of [registered PSA Trainers](#).

## Upcoming FSPCA Courses

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Illinois:	PC Human Food: Sept. 7, 8, 14, 23, and 28; Oct. 5, 12, 13, 20, and 28; Nov. 3, 4, 16, and 30; Dec. 1, 7, 8, and 14 PC Animal Food: Oct. 19 FSVP: Sept. 21 and 22; Oct. 8, 20, and 29; Nov. 17 and 19; Dec. 10
Iowa:	PC Human Food: Sept. 14; Dec. 7
Michigan:	PC Human Food: Sept. 1; Oct. 7
Minnesota:	PC Human Food: Oct. 21; Oct. 21
Nebraska:	PC Human Food: Dec. 2
Ohio:	PC Animal Food: Sept. 8
Wisconsin:	PC Human Food: Oct. 5 and 6; Nov. 4 and 10; Dec. 8 and 14
Online:	Human Food: Sept. 1, 2, 3, 8, 13, 15, 21, 23, 25, 26, and 28; Oct. 2, 7, 13, 20, and 26; Nov. 4, 11, and 30; Dec. 1, 2, 10, 16, and 18 PC Animal Food: Sept. 8; Oct. 5, 12, and 14; Nov. 2 and 16; Dec. 7 FSVP: Sept. 9, 18, and 22; Oct. 13 and 14; Nov. 2, 10, and 16; Dec. 7

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](mailto:ncrfsma@iastate.edu).

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