

**2022 North Central Region
Center for FSMA Training - Annual Meeting**

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- ▶ Founded in 1916
- ▶ Nonpartisan, nonprofit association which represents the elected and appointed Commissioners, Secretaries, and Directors of Departments of Agriculture.
- ▶ Represents all 50 states and 4 US territories.
- ▶ State Departments of Agriculture play an essential role in food safety.
- ▶ NASDA members have primary knowledge of industry in their states and are contributors to a national integrated food safety system.

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NASDA and FDA

- ▶ 2014: NASDA entered into a cooperative agreement with FDA to assist in the implementation of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule with state partners.
 - ▶ NASDA Model Produce Safety Implementation Framework.
 - ▶ On-Farm Readiness Review Program.
- ▶ 2019: NASDA and FDA continue collaboration under a new cooperative agreement cycle.
 - ▶ Updates to the On-Farm Readiness Review system.
 - ▶ Continued development of national produce safety regulatory program resources.

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Recent support of Produce Safety Programs

- ▶ On Farm Readiness Review
- ▶ Produce Safety Inspection Learning Modules
- ▶ Regional Proposed Water Rule Meetings
- ▶ State Program Recall Resource Document and Webinar
- ▶ Produce Inspection Scenarios Webinar

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On Farm Readiness Review

- ▶ Over 2000 OFRRs completed as of January 2022
- ▶ 40 Assessor Trainings - pivot to virtual in 2020
- ▶ Over 600 State, University, FDA staff trained
- ▶ Updated materials
- ▶ Rutgers Farm Visit Evaluation tool
- ▶ New quality assurance/hands-on training addendum

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Produce Safety Inspection Learning Modules

- ▶ Module 1 - Fundamental Concepts of Regulatory Inspections
- ▶ Module 2 - Pre-Inspection Steps
- ▶ Module 3 - Successfully Conducting an Inspection
- ▶ Module 4 - Successfully Conducting an Inspection - Continued

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Regional Proposed Ag Water Rule Meetings

- ▶ 5 virtual regional meetings co-hosted by NASDA and States: California, Washington, Michigan, New York, and Georgia
- ▶ Engagement of farmers, commodity groups, associations, other stakeholders
- ▶ 3. Opportunity for Q&A
- ▶ 4. North Central Regional Meeting - March 2, 2022

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State Produce Program Recall Resource Document and Webinar

- ▶ Assists States in understanding recall processes
- ▶ What constitutes a produce recall?
- ▶ Determining when a recall is needed
- ▶ Coordination between FDA and State agencies
- ▶ Responsibilities of parties involved - communication is key
- ▶ Procedures that parties should follow
- ▶ Actions for various stages of the recall
- ▶ Appendices

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Produce Inspection Scenarios Webinar

- ▶ NASDA's continued work in leading the Produce Inspection Scenario workgroup -NASDA, FDA, States
- ▶ Recent webinar presented 5 new inspection scenarios submitted by States
 - Treated BSAAO required documentation
 - Greenhouse operation
 - Produce dropped during harvest
 - Towels used during packing of produce
 - Water turbidity

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Thank you!

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