

Western Regional Center Updates

2023 FSOP National Project
Directors' Meeting

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WRCEFS Network

Goal: Foster collaboration in food safety education and support of FSMA implementation through the multi-regional and multi-institutional infrastructure established in the U.S. Western region

PI: Jovana Kovacevic &
13 co-PIs from across the region
Coordinator: Stephanie Brown
4 sub-regions covering 13 states and 2 territories

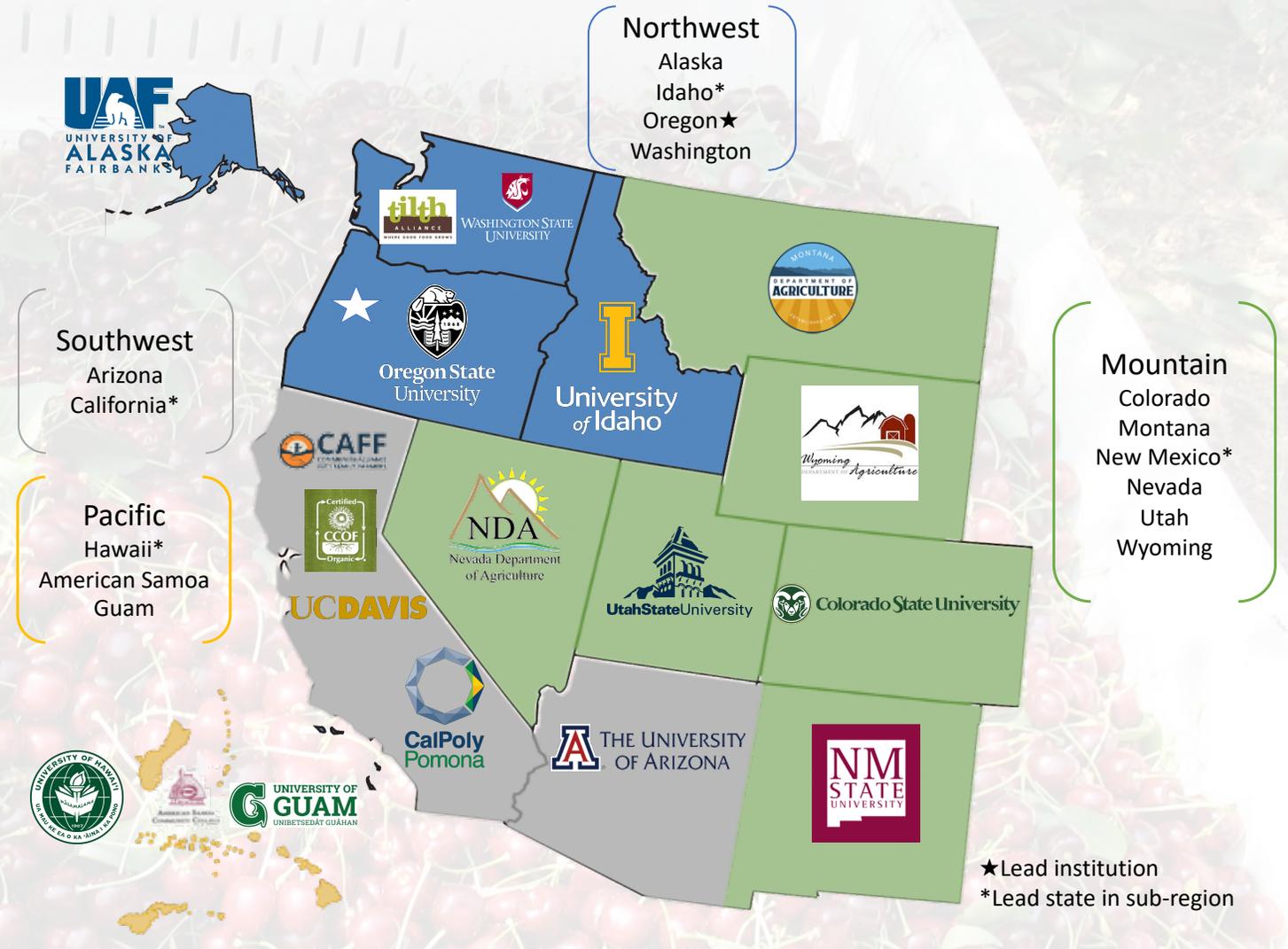
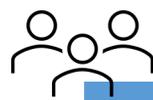


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WRCEFS Objectives



Support

the development of regional food safety education and outreach opportunities for food safety trainers and targeted audiences of farmers, processors and vendors in the Western Region



Coordinate

a regional communication strategy to foster collaboration, and ongoing discussions regarding common food safety concerns and best practices within the Western Region



Collaborate

with other regions and regional stakeholders to support the development of modified and supplemental resources for food safety trainings for small producers, processors and vendors, and to facilitate peer review of developed resources



Evaluate

the impact of education and training activities in the Western Region through ongoing program assessment



Regional Food Safety Education and Outreach Opportunities

Pre-Meeting Workshop

- 17 workshop attendees
- Tour of onion packinghouse
- Postharvest agricultural water lab activities:
 - Reading labels
 - Mixing sanitizers
 - Turbidity challenges
 - Group discussions on the challenges of water testing



Trainings

In-person PSA TTT Courses

1. Sacramento, CA on June 1-3, 2022 with 10 trained
2. Vancouver, WA on January 31-February 2, 2023
 - 14 trained, with 13 being new trainers

PEM Course

- Jovana Kovacevic and Joy Waite-Cusic (OSU) traveled to Anchorage, AK for Pathogen Environmental Monitoring course
- 1.5-day training held March 22-23, 2023 with 20 trained



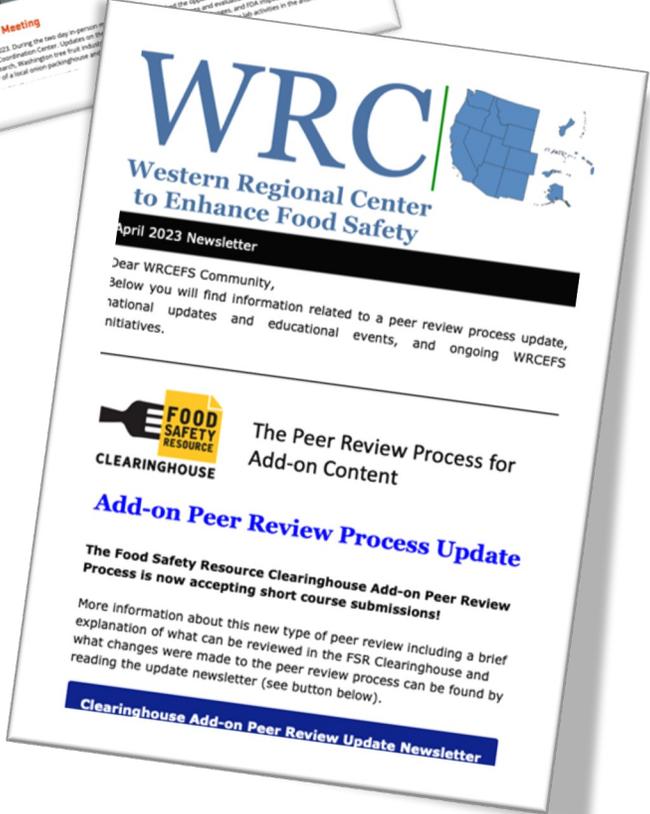
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Coordination of Regional Communication



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Welcome from
WSU and WSDA
Dr. Girish Ganjyal and Dr. Connie Fisk

OSU/WRCEFS
Dr. Jovana Kovacevic

**7th Annual Meeting
Prosser, WA
May 3-4, 2023**



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Communication (Sept. 2021-Apr. 2023)

Newsletter/Listserv

- 241 currently subscribed

Website

- 2,685 users logged 7,478 page views
- Viewers in 749 cities and 75 countries and territories



Home page
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WRCEFS outreach and training
page
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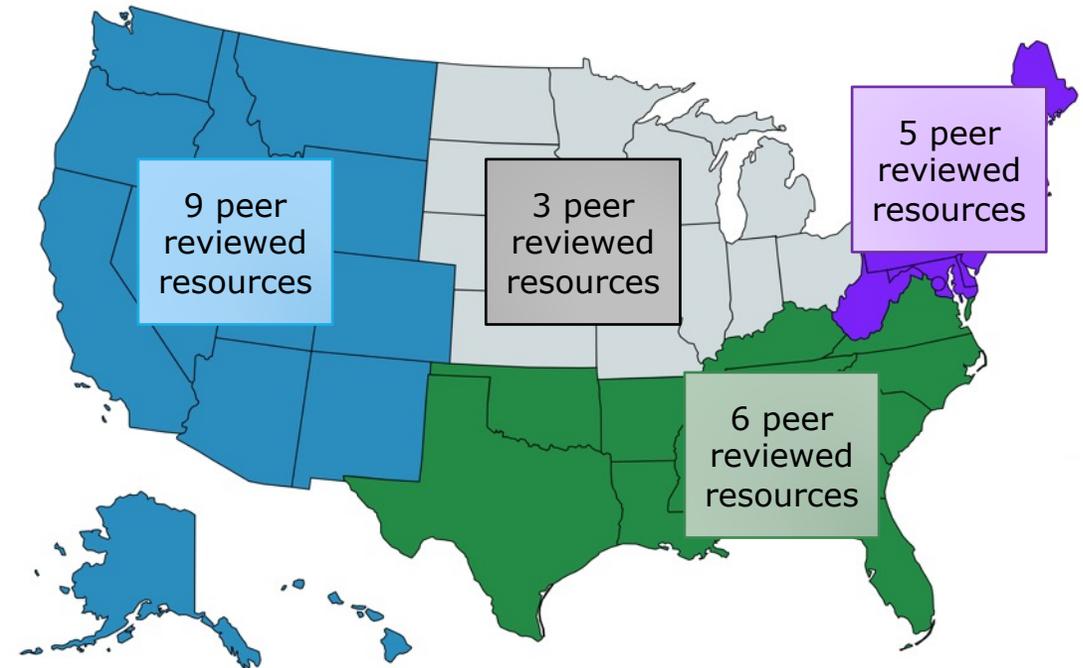
Collaborations to Support Resource Development and Facilitate Peer Review

Image Credit: Mitchell et al., 2021; Kovacevic and Waite-Cusic, 2021; Montana Dept. of Ag. Produce Safety Program, 2023

Peer Review Statistics



- Opened for submissions in April 2021
- Opened for short course submissions in March 2023
- Since opening, 29 add-ons have been submitted for review
 - 23 have been accepted through the review process (79% accepted rate)



Changes in the Peer Review Process

Submitters

- New question and check box options for short courses
- Reviewer comments will appear with questions in review form(s)

Reviewers

- Short course time of review- 2 months
- New check box option on review form if reviewing a short course

MARCH 2023

FSR Clearinghouse

Add-on Peer Review Newsletter



Image Credit: Pexels, fauxels, 2019

Newsletter Highlights

- Add-on Versus Alternate Curricula
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- Overview of the Process
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- Submitter Changes
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- Reviewer Changes

Peer review process open for short course submissions!

The peer review process for add-on content is now accepting short courses and similar submissions through the Food Safety Resource Clearinghouse. Prior to completing a submission, we highly recommend you review the content in this newsletter.

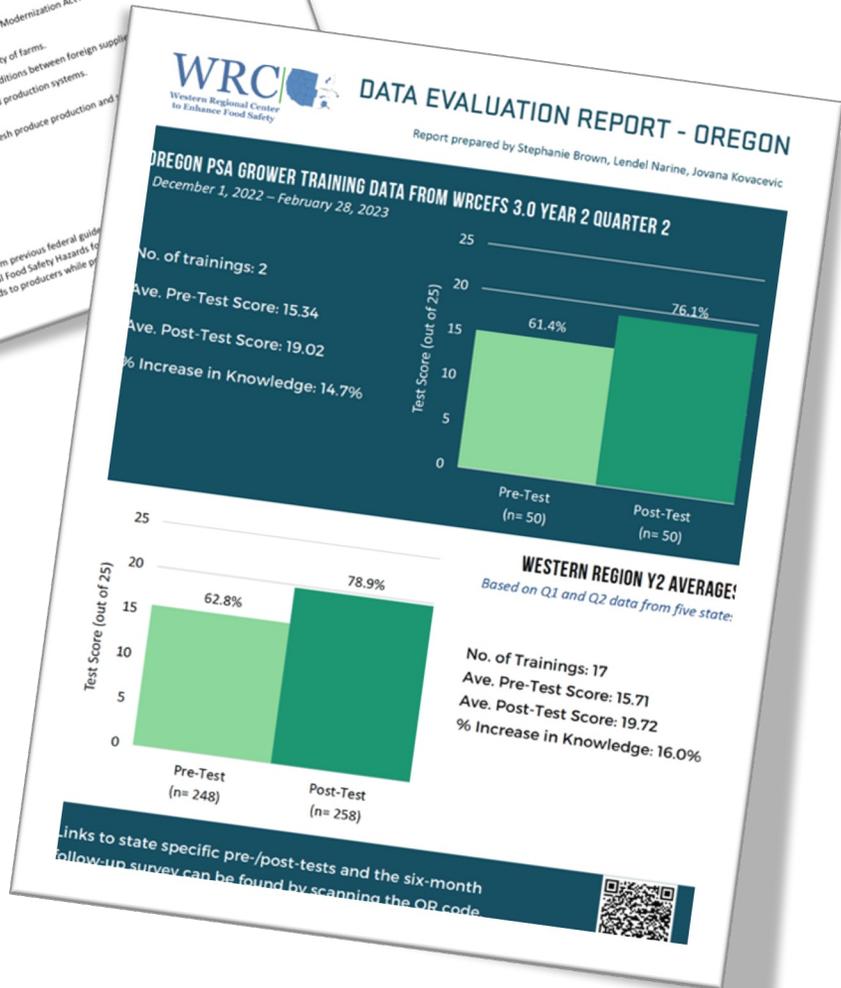
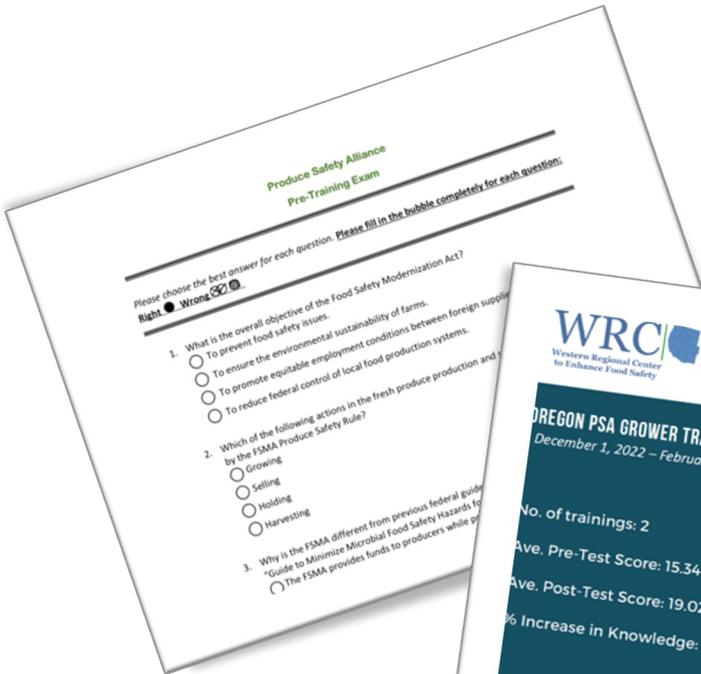




How do you become a Reviewer?

- Reviewers are an important part of the peer review process
- If you plan to submit an add-on for peer review, you should sign up to serve as a Reviewer
- Scan the QR code to sign up as a Reviewer





Evaluations

Evaluation Updates

Quarterly Reports

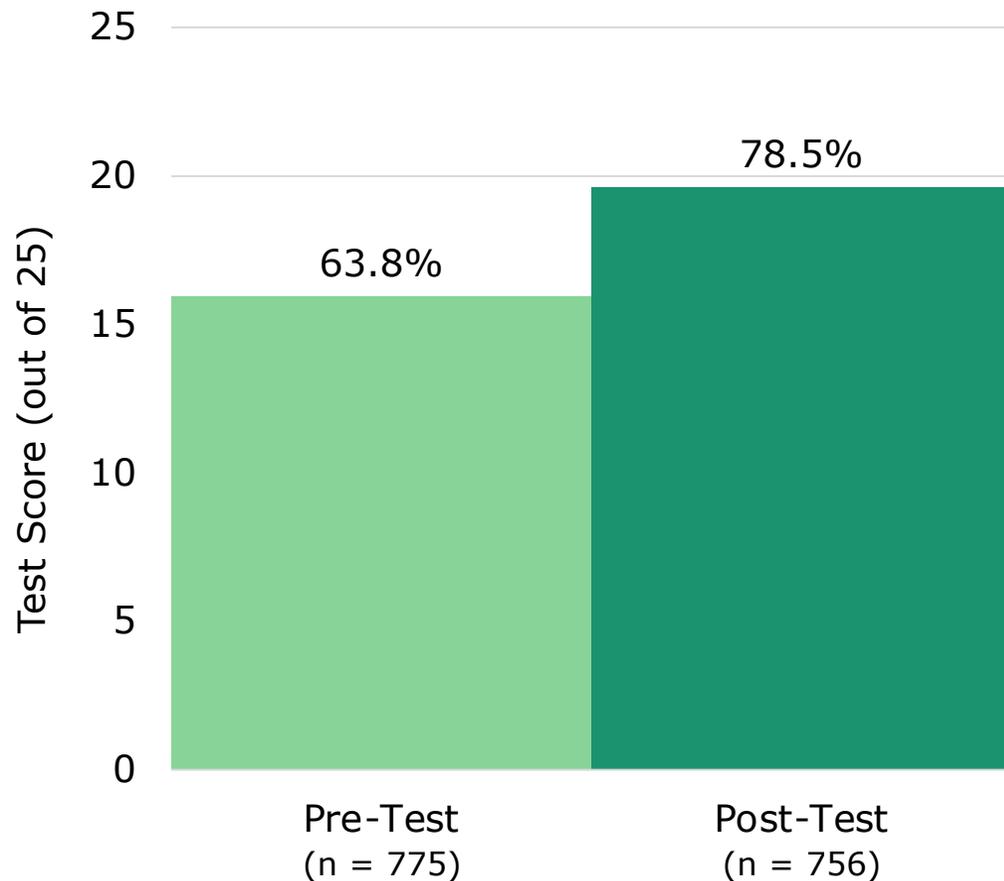
- WRCEFS is compiling quarterly reports for each state
 - Includes basic statistics such as the number of trainings and average assessment scores
- Reports are emailed to individuals that submit data

Overall Pre-/Post- Data

From Sept. 2021 to Aug. 2022, more than 141 workshops and other educational opportunities were provided including:

- 71 PSA grower trainings
- 10 FSPCA PCHF trainings
- 6 FSPCA PCHF part 2 trainings
- 31 other food safety trainings

PSA Trainings

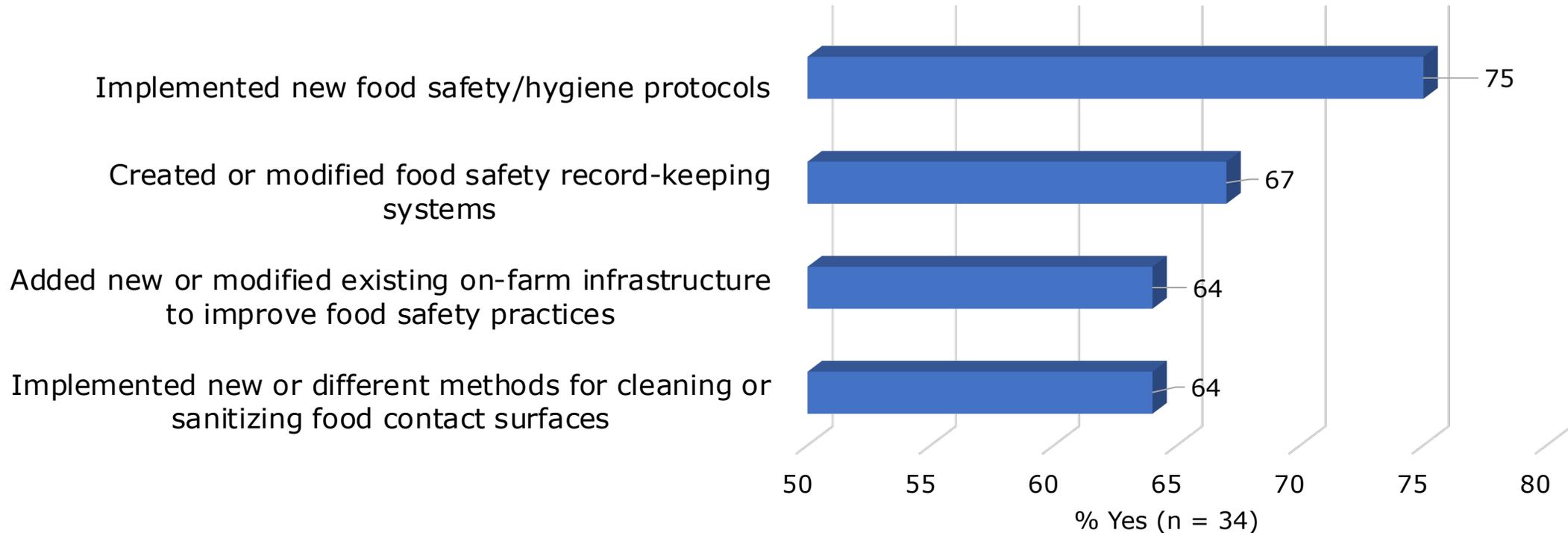


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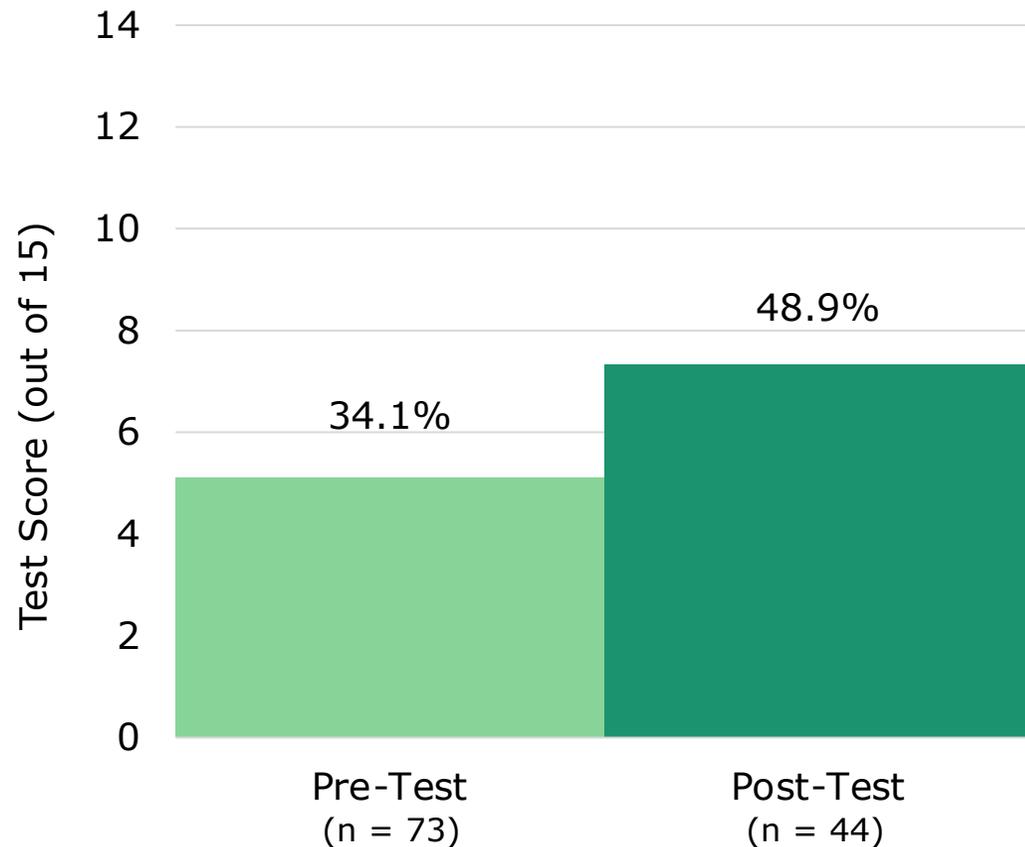
- 88 PSA grower trainings held (in-person and remote)
- 6 states submitted pre-/post-training data from 56 trainings
- 2 PSA Train-the-Trainer courses held in-person with 24 trained

PSA Follow-up Results

Top Actions taken since completing the PSA Training March 2022-April 2023



FSPCA Trainings



Data are from Sept. 1, 2021 through Feb. 28, 2023

- 11 FSPCA PCHF courses were held in 4 states
- This total does not include FSPCA PCHF part 2 courses
- 3 states submitted pre-/post-training data from 6 trainings

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Thank you!

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