



Produce Safety Alliance Update



FSOP National Project Director's Meeting
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Produce Safety Alliance Team

The image features a map of the United States divided into color-coded regions. Each region is associated with a box containing the name of the regional Extension Agent (EA) and their credentials. Portraits of the team members are placed over the map. The regions and their corresponding team members are:

- Midwest EA:** Laurie George, Ph.D. (Blue region)
- Northwest EA:** Collins Bugingo, Ph.D. (Orange region)
- EA:** Don Stoeckel, Ph.D. (Orange region)
- Southwest EA:** Thais Ramos, Ph.D. (Orange region)
- Spanish-Language EA:** Laura Acuña-Maldonado, Ph.D. and Yulie Meneses, Ph.D. (Blue region)
- Spanish-Language EA:** Mariana Villarreal D.V.M., Ph.D. and Davis Blasini, Ph.D. (Orange region)
- Southeast EA:** Tommy Saunders, M.S. (Yellow region)
- PSA Coordinator & Northeast EA:** Donna Clements, M.S. (Green region)
- Cornell AgriTech:** Betsy Bihn, Ph.D., Michele Humiston, Toria Melville, Laura Pineda-Bermudez, and Rob Way (Green region)



PSA Team Updates

- New PSA Team members!

1. **Thais Ramos**

SW Regional Extension Associate



2. **Yulie Meneses**

Spanish-Language Extension Associate





PSA Training Accomplishments

September 2016 – March 2023

4,056

Grower Trainings

127

Train-the-Trainer Courses

85,530

GT Participants

3,559

TTT Participants

Total PSA Trainers: 2,987 (882 international)

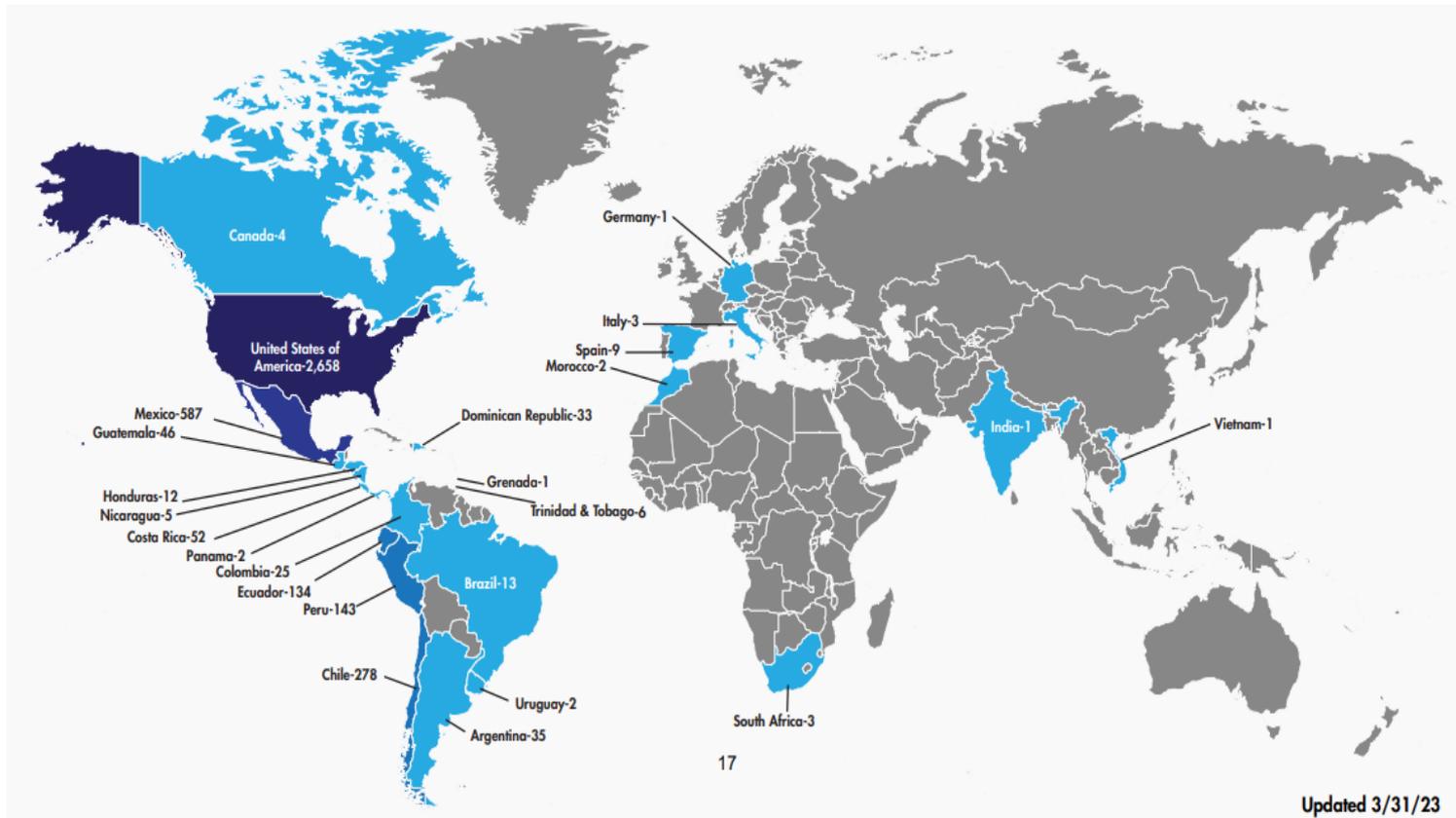
Total PSA Lead Trainers: 511 (227 international)

Remember: Trainers can update their affiliation and contact preferences on the Trainer Directory page



International Outreach

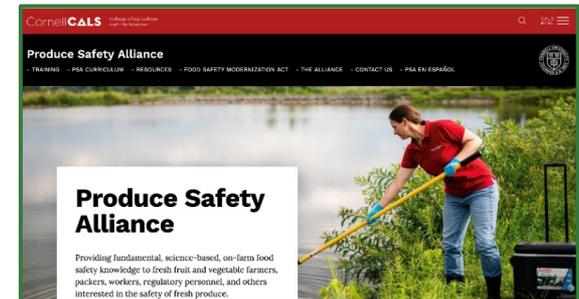
GT courses through March 2023





2023 PSA Updates

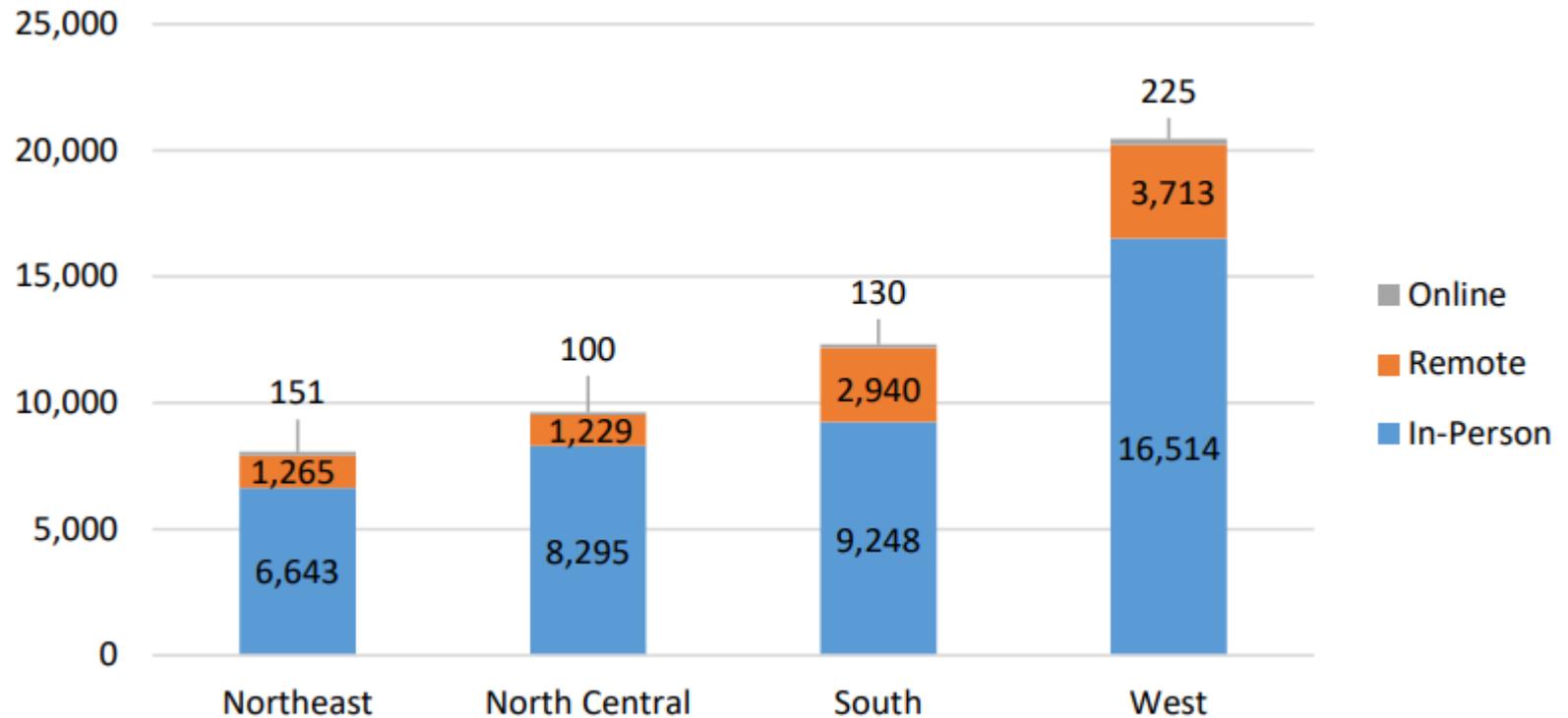
- Expanding into International Training
 - Conducting 15 trainings in Mexico with specific commodities
 - Onion, mango, melon, berries and papaya
 - 14 PSA GT Courses and 1 PSA TTT Course
 - Has impacted domestic Spanish-language outreach
 - But still doing outreach and building collaborations domestically
- Funding remains a big concern
 - Full funding through September 2023
 - Partial funding through June 2024
- PSA GT remote policy will be permanent
 - Allowing people to schedule trainings beyond June 30, 2023
 - Will release results from our assessment, including key findings to guide remote delivery as there are concerns





PSA GT Course Participants

Totals through March 2023





Subpart E (Agricultural Water) Efforts

- Supplemental training slides on proposed Subpart E requirements
- Current priority is on harvest/postharvest water requirements
 - Because enforcement began on January 26, 2023 and lots of confusion
- Agricultural water system inspections vs. agricultural water assessment factsheet (now available)
- Produce Safety Educators' Calls on harvest/postharvest water
 1. FDA update on harvest and postharvest water requirements: End of enforcement discretion
 2. Helping growers meet postharvest Ag water requirements
 3. Practical Recommendations to Meet Postharvest Agricultural Water Requirements





Subpart E (Agricultural Water) Efforts - In progress

- Developing new resources on harvest/postharvest water requirements
 - Updating PSA required records templates (ag water system inspection)
 - Decision tree for conducting an ag water systems inspection
 - Documentation requirements for water laboratory analysis results factsheet
- Updating sanitizer resources
 - Converting to an app which will allow better access for users and easier updating to add new sanitizers if labels change
 - Collaboration with LFSC
- Internally planning for production/preharvest water final rule





More Materials and Training

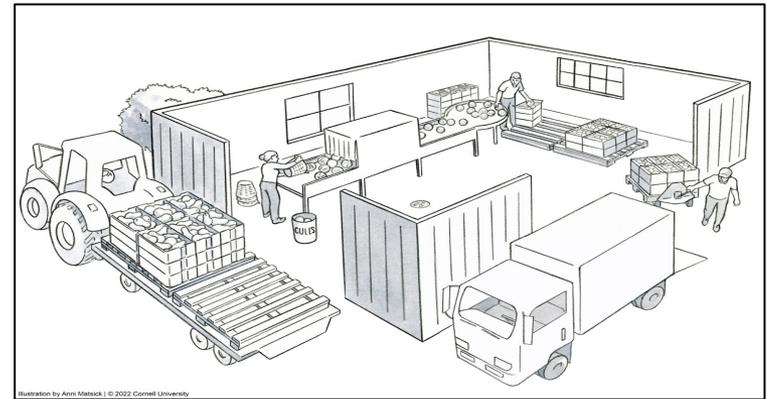
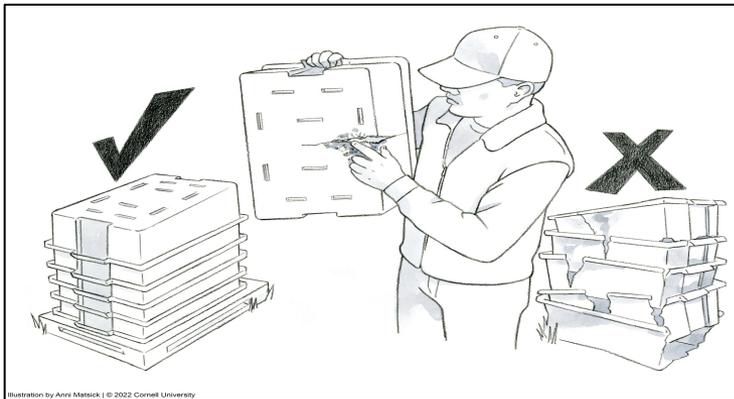
- Spanish Podcasts in Development
 - Survey to determine topics of interest
 - Also collaboration with LFSC
- PSA Advanced Trainer Workshop
 - Improves in-depth understanding of produce safety science
 - Looking for funding to support participation; expensive for extension
 - Holding October 17, 18, and 19, 2023





More Materials and Training

- Traceability Supplemental Slides
 - FMSA Rule; Not part of PSR
 - Relevant to growers/packers
- More than Words Illustrations
 - Different approach to learning
 - Will be translated into Spanish





PSA Spanish-Language Efforts

- Online Spanish PSA Grower Training
 - Aiming to go live in August 2023
 - More in-depth experience; 3-week course, 6 required discussions
 - Looking for people to pilot the course – **PLEASE CONTACT US!**
- Spanish translation of PSR Preamble
 - Key information that is valuable to produce industry and trainers
 - Aiming to have it complete by July 2023
- Spanish Educators' Group
 - Open to all
 - Peer learning and support
 - Monthly meetings to support professional development and scientific understanding
 - **Sign up on Spanish PSA website.** →

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Grupo de educadores en la inocuidad de los productos agrícolas frescos en español – Notas y recursos de las reuniones

El "Grupo de educadores en la inocuidad de los productos agrícolas frescos en español" tiene el propósito de mantener a los instructores e instructores líderes de la Alianza PSA enfocados en la difusión de conceptos relacionados con la inocuidad de los productos agrícolas frescos, que cuenten con recursos educativos recientes, que conozcan oportunidades de capacitación, actualizaciones regulatorias e iniciativas de la industria de productos agrícolas frescos. Las agendas y temas de estos seminarios virtuales se crearán en respuesta a las solicitudes de los participantes o cuando ocurran eventos y actualizaciones pertinentes. Estos seminarios están programados para durar 1 hora y se realizarán a través de Zoom, plataforma a través de la cual se compartirán las presentaciones usando, diapositivas, audio y/o videos.

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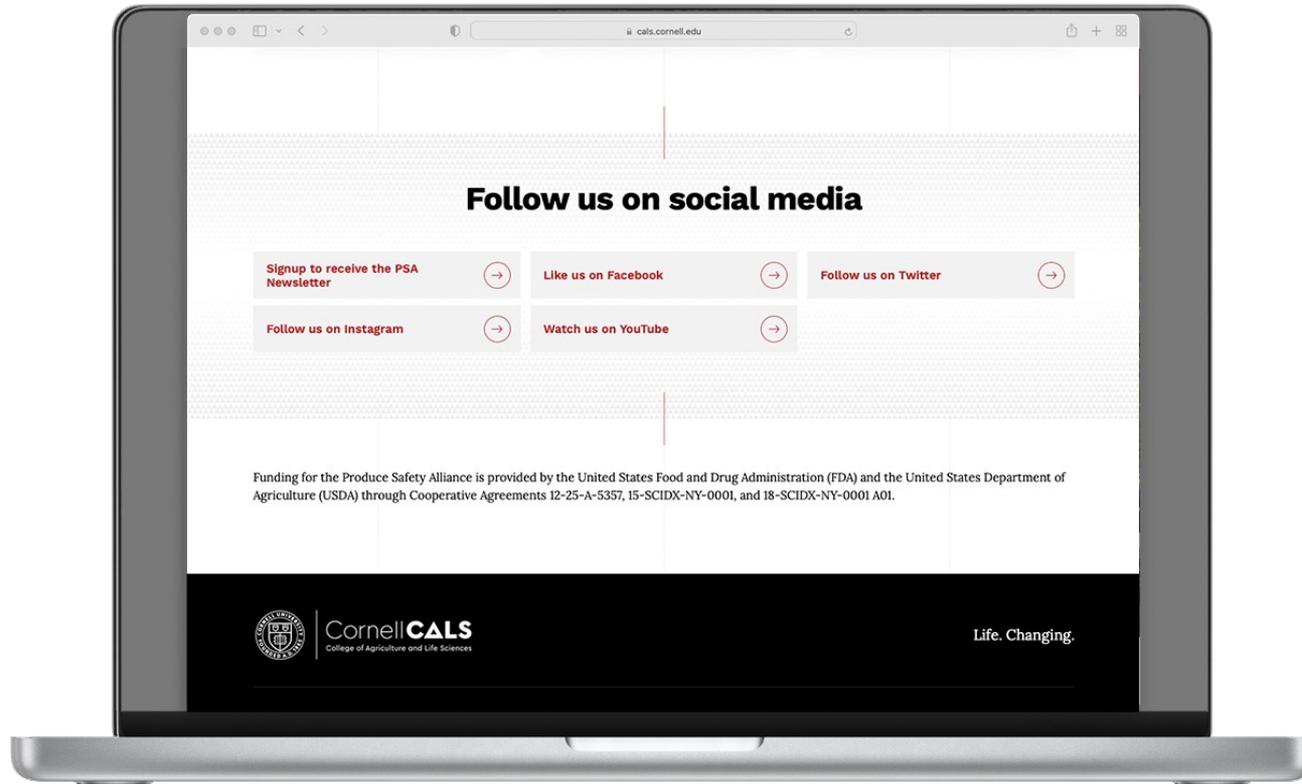
Si está interesado en unirse al grupo, [regístrese aquí](#).



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