

Southern Center and Lead Regional Coordination Center

2023 National Project Directors Meeting

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1. Develop, mentor, support, and offer continuing educational opportunities to a cadre of PSA trainers and lead trainers and FSPCA Lead Instructors within the Southern US supporting the regulated industry.
 2. Develop, improve, review, and share best practices approaches for food safety training curricula (including alternative and modified curricula, additions, and supplemental), to ensure consistency with FSMA rules.
 3. Coordinate a regional communication strategy to discuss ongoing efforts and best practices for FSMA-related training, and education within the southern US.
 4. Evaluate the impact of the SC education and training through ongoing program assessments.
- Note that this round very specifically addresses produce safety training needs for underserved communities and stakeholders.

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Southern Region
Integrated Produce
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October 5-8, 2020
12 pm - 5 pm daily
Zoom
<https://sc.ifas.ufl.edu>

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Produce Safety Conference

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL SRIPS CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 5-8, 2020.

From 12-5PM ET on October 5-8, 2020 join us for:

- Hear the importance, perspectives, and roles in Food Safety and the PSR from:
 - Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative
 - Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic-serving Institutions
 - Buyers
 - Non-governmental Organizations and Community-based Organizations
- Discuss best practices for inspections and food safety during COVID-19
- Learn the latest information, educational content, and best practices on:
 - Biological Soil Amendments
 - Cleaning and Sanitizing
 - Water
- Listen to typical inspection experiences from regulators and growers
- Participate in poster sessions and networking
- Get the latest updates from:
 - Southern Center
 - PSA
 - FDA-PSN
 - AFDO
 - NASDA
 - Southern State Departments of Agriculture

Register* (FREE!) Here: <https://bit.ly/SRIPS2020>

*registration priority goes to attendees from the southern region



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Project Outcomes

- Southern Center Meetings
 - Semi-Annual Check-In and Annual Meeting
 - Southern Region Integrated Produce Safety Conference
 - Included perspectives from the IFAI, HBCUs and HSIs, Buyers, NGOs, and CBOs
 - Regulatory updates from federal and state agencies
 - Educational Content
- Bridging the GAPS: Approaches for Treating Irrigation Water On-Farm
- Continuation of offering PSA and FSPCA courses by SC Partners either remote or in-person
- Produce Safety Alliance Train-the-Trainer
 - Tentative PSA TTT Fall 2023



Produce Safety Alliance Southeastern Region Grower Training Knowledge Assessment

- Mari Schroeder, Alan Gutierrez, Amy Harder, Kate Shoulders, Kristin Woods, Amanda Philyaw Perez, Laurel L. Dunn, Christopher Gunter, Lynette Johnston, Elena Rogers, Chip Simmons, Paul Priyesh Vijayakumar, Casey Newcomb, Chad Carter, Thomas M. Taylor, Alejandro Castillo, Juan Anciso, Joseph Masabni, Laura K. Strawn, Amber Vallotton, Michelle D. Danyluk, and Keith R. Schneider.
- Effectiveness was based on a 25-question knowledge assessment administered to participants before ($n = 2,522$) and after ($n = 2,490$) each training.
- The knowledge assessment indicated an overall effectiveness of the training as average scores increased significantly from pre-test (15.91 of 25, 63.6%) to post-test (20.30 of 25, 81.2%) ($P < 0.001$).
- The modules that showed the greatest knowledge gains were Postharvest Handling and Sanitation, How to Develop a Farm Food Safety Plan, and Agricultural Water.

Advanced PSA

- Micro 101
- Soil Amendments and Animals
- Production Water
- Sanitation
- Postharvest Water
- Instructor Tips for Participant



Save the date – Week of October 16th, 2023
Geneva, NY



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