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**Produce Safety Project  
Stakeholders' Discussion Series  
Produce Safety**

**Tifton, GA**

*Agenda*

*March 25, 2010*

***Goals and Outcomes***

- ❖ *Increased understanding of the science underlying good produce safety practices, including:*
  - *What we know, and*
  - *What we do not know*
- ❖ *Increased understanding of practices that are, or could be, contributing to enhanced produce safety.*
- ❖ *Identification and discussion of any regional practice considerations important for enhancing produce safety.*
- ❖ *Identification and discussion of any commodity specific considerations in the development of regulations.*

8:00           Arrival and Refreshments

8:30-9:15     Welcome, Workshop Background, Goals and Outcomes, Agenda Review and Meeting Expectations

- Jim O'Hara, Produce Safety Project
- Michael Doyle, University of Georgia
- Jeff Farrar, Associate Commissioner for Food Protection, FDA
- Beth Bland, Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association
- Kathy Grant and Abby Dilley, RESOLVE

9:15-10:15   Panel Discussion: Compost Issues; Irrigation & Foliar Contact Water Quality

*Objective: Present and discuss key scientific information on 1) composting criteria for animal manure, and 2) irrigation and foliar contact water quality relevant to produce safety.*

- Presentations (40 min)
  - Mike Doyle, University of Georgia
  - Trevor Suslow, University of California, Davis
- Clarifying Questions: (20 min)

10:15-10:30   Break (Refreshments provided)

10:30-11:45 Breakout Sessions (Room assignments provided at registration)  
*Objective: Discuss current and potential practices for enhanced produce safety. Discuss important considerations in developing a proposed rule on produce safety.*

Breakouts

- Composting Issues
- Irrigation and Foliar Contact Water Quality

*Discussion Questions*

- *What practices do you employ to ensure the safety of produce (relative to composting and irrigation water)?*
- *Are there additional practices that could enhance produce safety?*
- *What are the costs related to the practices discussed?*
- *What are the special considerations or issues related to:*
  - *Size of operations*
  - *Specific commodities*
  - *Regional characteristics?*

11:45-12:15 Discussion: Reports from Morning Breakout Sessions  
*Objective: Highlight critical issues discussed, insights and observations on the topic discussed. Identify any big questions or need for more information.*

12:15-1:15 Lunch

1:15-2:15 Panel Discussion: Worker Health and Hygiene; Wildlife and Environmental Concerns  
*Objective: Present and discuss key scientific information on 1) worker health and hygiene, and 2) wildlife and environmental concerns relevant to produce safety.*

- Presentations: (40 min)
  - Marvin Pritts, Cornell University
  - Karen Lowell, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Clarifying Questions: (20 min)

2:15-2:30 Move to Break Out Sessions

2:30-3:45 Breakout Sessions (Room assignments provided at registration)  
*Objective: Discuss practices to ensure produce safety. Discuss important considerations in developing a proposed regulation on produce safety.*

- Worker Health and Hygiene
- Wildlife and Environmental Concerns

*Discussion Questions*

- *What practices do you employ to ensure the safety of produce (relative to wildlife/environmental concerns and worker health and hygiene)?*
- *Are there additional practices that could enhance produce safety?*

- *What are the costs related to the practices discussed?*
- *What are the special considerations or issues related to:*
  - *Size of operations*
  - *Specific commodities*
  - *Regional characteristics?*

3:45-4:00 Break (Refreshments provided)

4:00-4:30 Discussion: Reports from Breakout Sessions

*Objective: Highlight critical issues discussed, observations and insights on the topic discussed. Identify any big questions or need for more information.*

4:30-4:45 Discussion: Grower and FDA Observations; Q&A

*Objectives:*

- *Highlight and summarize key themes from the day.*
- *Pose questions to FDA officials.*

4:45-5:00 Summary and Wrap-Up

*Objectives:*

- *Discuss what happens with the information from the meeting and any follow-up.*
- *Note opportunities for continued dialogue.*

5:00 Adjourn