



STAKEHOLDERS' DISCUSSION SERIES



Produce Safety Project Stakeholders' Discussion Series

College Park, MD

Agenda

April 7, 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
- Robert L. Buchanan, Center for Food Safety and Security Systems, University of Maryland
- Mike Taylor, Food and Drug Administration, DHHS
- Raymond Yoder, Farmers Produce Auction
- US Department of Agriculture, (Invited)
- Kathy Grant and Abby Dilley, RESOLVE

9:15-10:15 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)
 - Bob Gravani, Cornell University
 - Karen Lowell, University of California, Santa Cruz, and Jeff Langholz, Monterey Institute of International Studies

- 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.
- Worker Health and Hygiene
 - Wildlife and Environmental Concerns
- Discussion Questions*
- *What practices do you employ to ensure the safety of produce (relative to environmental concerns and worker health and hygiene wildlife)?*
 - *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: 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)
- 2:15-2:30 Move to Breakout Sessions
- 2:30-3:45 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 issues and irrigation and foliar water quality)?*
- *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, or insights on the topic discussed. Identify any big questions or need for more information.

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

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