



STAKEHOLDERS'  
DISCUSSION  
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## Stakeholders' Discussion Series Agenda

February 19, 2010

### Goals and Outcomes

- ❖ *Increased understanding of the science underlying enhanced 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
- Bob Gravani, Cornell University
- Mike Taylor, Food and Drug Administration, DHHS
- Rayne Pegg, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA
- Larry Eckharts, Kinderhook Creek Farm, Inc.
- Kathy Grant and Abby Dilley, RESOLVE

9:15-10:00   **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 food safety.*

- Presentations (30 min)
  - Michael Doyle, University of Georgia, Author, *Composting Criteria for Animal Manure*
  - Trevor Suslow, University of California, Davis, Author, *Standards for Irrigation and Foliar Contact Water*
- Clarifying Questions: (15 min)

10:00-10:15 Set-up for Breakout Sessions (Refreshments available)

10:15-11:45 **Breakout Sessions**

*Objective: Discuss current and potential practices to ensure and produce safety. Discuss important considerations in developing a proposed rule on produce safety.*

- Composting Issues (*number of breakouts determined by registration sign-up*)
- Irrigation and Foliar Contact Water Quality (*number of breakouts determined by registration sign-up*)

*Discussion Questions:*

- *What practices do you employ to ensure the safety of produce (relative to water or composting issues)? How do you ensure the practices are effective?*
- *Are there any improvements that could be made to more effectively address produce safety?*
- *Are there cost implications of the practices discussed? If so, what are they?*
- *What are the most important issues with composting/ irrigation and foliar contact water quality to address by the proposed FDA rule?*
  - *Considerations for size of operations*
  - *Commodity specific considerations*
  - *Regional specific considerations*
  - *Other?*

11:45-12:15 **Discussion: Reports from Morning Breakout Sessions**

*Objective: Feature three main themes/observations on the topic important to highlight. Identify any big questions or need for more information.*

12:15-1:00 Lunch

1:00-1:45 **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.*

- Presentations: (30 min)
  - Bob Gravani, Cornell University, Author, *Farm Worker Health and Hygiene*
  - Karen Lowell, Jeff Langholz, Authors, *Safe and Sustainable: Co-Managing for Food Safety and Ecological Health in California's Central Coast Region*
- Clarifying Questions: (15 min)

1:45-3:15

### **Breakout Sessions**

*Objective: Discuss current and potential practices to ensure and produce safety. Discuss important considerations in developing a proposed rule on produce safety.*

- Worker Health and Hygiene (*number of breakouts determined by registration sign-up*)
- Wildlife and Environmental Concerns (*number of breakouts determined by registration sign-up*)

*Discussion Questions:*

- *What practices for worker health and hygiene/wildlife management do you employ to ensure the safety of produce? How do you ensure the practices are effective?*
- *Are there any improvements that could be made to more effectively address produce safety?*
- *Are there cost implications of the practices discussed? If so, what are they?*
- *What are the most important issues with worker health and hygiene /wildlife and environmental concerns to address by the proposed FDA rule?*
  - *Considerations for size of operations*
  - *Commodity specific considerations*
  - *Regional specific considerations*
  - *Other?*

3:15-3:50

### **Discussion: Reports from Breakout Sessions**

*Objective: Feature three main themes/observations on the topic important to highlight. Identify any big questions or need for more information.*

(Refreshments available)

3:50-4:30

### **Summary and Wrap-Up**

*Objectives:*

- *Identify key themes from the full day for each topic area.*
- *Highlight any regional or commodity specific issues.*
- *Discuss what happens with the information from the workshop and any follow-up.*
- *Note opportunities for continued dialogue.*

4:30

Adjourn