



Produce Safety Project Stakeholders' Discussion Series

Columbus, Ohio

Agenda

March 11, 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.*

8:30 Arrival and Refreshments

8:45-9:00 Welcome, Workshop Background, Goals and Outcomes, Agenda Review and Meeting Expectations

- Jim O'Hara, Produce Safety Project
- Jeffrey LeJeune, The Ohio State University
- Nega Beru, Director, Office of Food Safety, CFSAN, FDA
- Ann Wright Deputy Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA
- Bob Jones, The Chef's Garden
- Kathy Grant and Abby Dilley, RESOLVE

9:30-10:30 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)
 - Betsy Bihn, National GAPs Program, Cornell University
 - Jeff Langholz, Monterey Institute of International Studies
- Clarifying Questions: (20 min)

10:30-10:45 Break (Refreshments provided)

10:45-12:00 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?*

12:00-12:30 Discussion: Reports from Morning Breakout Sessions

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

12:30-1:15 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)
 - Marilyn Erickson, University of Georgia
 - Trevor Suslow, University of California, Davis
- 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.

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?*

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

4:00-4:30 Discussion: Reports from Breakout Sessions
Objective: Highlight critical issues, observations, or insight covered on the topic discussed. Identify any big questions or need for more information.

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

- *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