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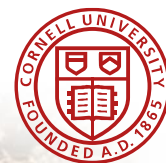
ALLIANCE

SRIPS
February 20-21, 2024

Tommy Saunders

Southeast Regional Extension
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PSA Training Accomplishments

September 2016 –December 2023

4,413

Grower Trainings

136

Train-the-Trainer Courses

92,038

GT Participants

3,714

TTT Participants

Total PSA Trainers: 3,118 (947 international)

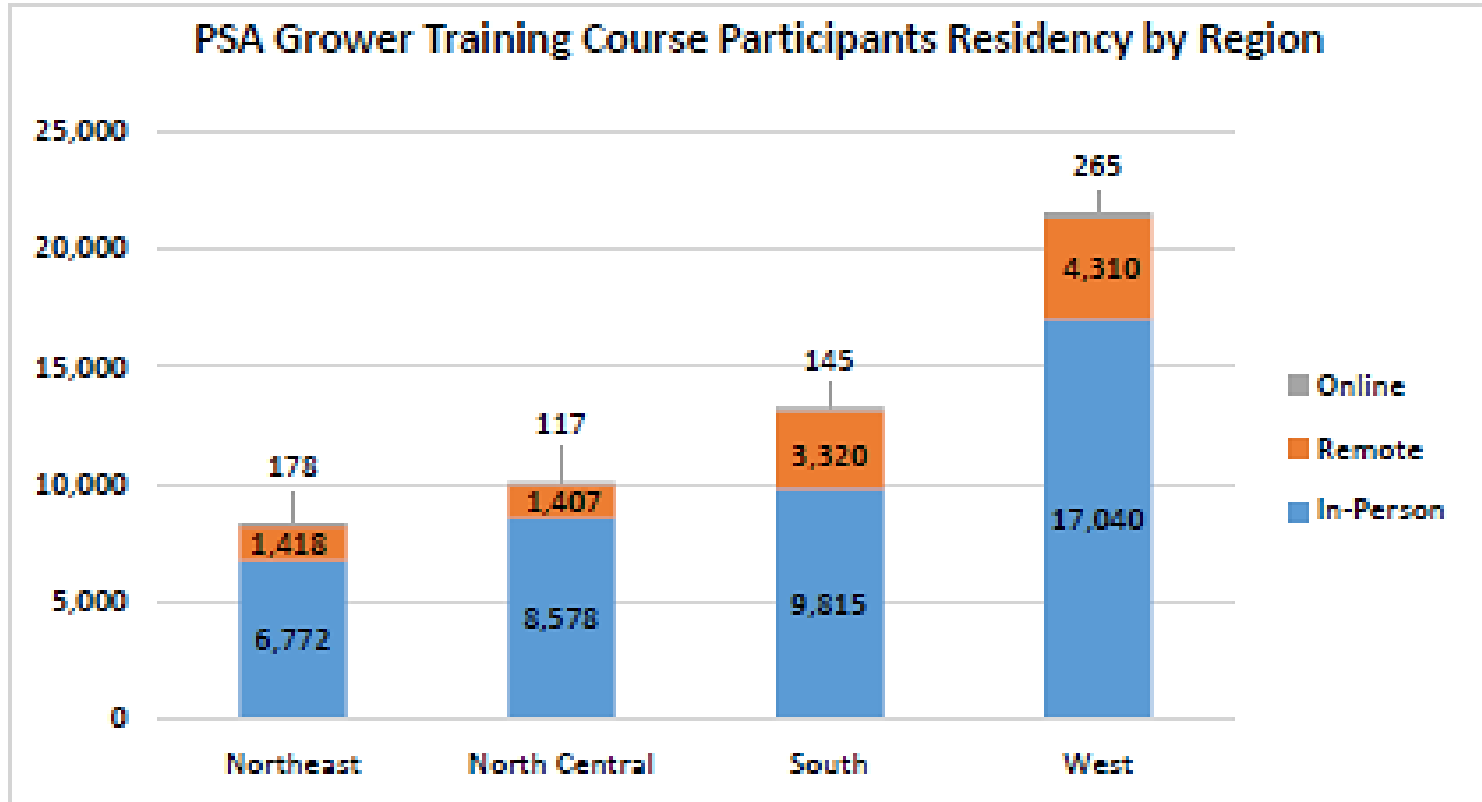
Total PSA Lead Trainers: 527 (232 international)

Remember: Trainers can update their affiliation and contact preferences on the Trainer Directory page



PSA GT Course Participants

Totals through December 2023





Relevant Team News

- Tommy Saunders and Davis Blasini are on paternity leave until May 2024
 - Partial workload relief
- Donna is on partial medical leave
- PSA merged the SW and NW positions into the Western Regional Extension Associate Position
 - Collins is now the Western Regional Ext Associate
 - Thais Ramos has left the PSA; Collins Bugingo is planning to not renew contract in June; Neither position will be filled. PSA plans to modify another position to fill the Western Regional Extension Associate at that time.



Produce Safety Alliance Team

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Recent Educational Materials

- Spanish- Language efforts : Translation of the PSR Preamble, Continued success with educator group, 3 online PSA GT, conducted 15 commodity specific trainings in Mexico, recorded 6 podcast episodes
- Updated Sanitizer Resources
- More than words – completion of 21 sheets
- Recent PSA Advanced Training 2024, Lake Alfred, FL.
- Resources related to enforcement discretion that ended in 2023: sub-part E requirements for agricultural water and requirements related to documentation of qualified exemption post-covid



2024 PSA Funding Updates and Impacts

- Good news is new PSA Coop. agree. RFA has been released.
- Bad news is the available funding in FY 24 will not support the entire PSA Team.
 - Several significant changes will happen as a result.
 - PSA LTA process will continue, current website will persist but limited updates, limited PSA TTT trainings, and perhaps a few others
- Years 2 and 3 of RFA allow for full funding of PSA Team
 - Funds need to be appropriated for it.
- PSA will significantly reduce its efforts on all fronts in next few months as we head to June 30, 2024 (end of full funding)
 - Need to tie up projects that require full-time team
 - Good news...lots of new things coming 😊
- Check out January recording of Educators Call



Short-Term Preservation Actions

- PSA Team is attempting to stay together in hopes 2025 will have better funding.
- We are doing this by applying for other funding.
- This will not preserve PSA activities because other funding applications have different objectives.
- Funding is not guaranteed, so if not successful PSA Team will disband.
- If the PSA Team disbands, the PSA will not rebound in 2025 regardless of funding.



The PSA Website

English: producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu

Spanish: es.producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu

