

Southern Center for FSMA Training- Semi Annual Meeting 2022

IAFP- Pittsburgh Convention Center, Pittsburg, PA

Sunday July 31st, 2022

9:00-11:00 AM ET / Room 405

Attendees: Michelle Danyluk (UF), Micah Gallagher (UF), Keith Schneider (UF), Renee Goodrich (UF), Peggy Geren (UF), Taylor O'Bannon (UF), Lynette Johnston (NCSU), Ellen Shumaker (NCSU), Armitra Jackson-Davis (AAMU), Ravi Jadeja (OKSU), Paul Priyesh (UKY), Betsy Bihn (Cornell Univ.), Angelica Abdalah (MSS State), Kranti Yemmireddy (UTRGV), Socrates Trujillo (FDA), Rene Nieto (TDA), Sean Fogarty (NECAFS), Laurel Dunn (UGA), Dianne Ducharme (FDA), Camilla Rodriguez (Auburn University), Jessica Pizzo (Visiting researcher- Auburn University), Christy Mendoza (Auburn university), Janet Johnson (Auburn), Jean Weese (Auburn University), Kimberly Baker (Clemson University), Laura Strawn (VT), Alexis Hamilton (VT), Karuna Kharel (UF), Alex Castillo (TAMU), Clara Diekman (UF), Faith Critzer (UGA), Achyut Adhikari (LSU), Rene Nieto (TX Dept. Ag), Aliyar Fouladkhah /Email mentioned-(TSU)

Welcome, Introductions- Michelle.

S.C Updates:

Keith- Budget updates:

- 2.0 Spend out- asked for a no-cost extension. Lots of travel money leftover. Meeting with FDA to extend no cost extension to submit travel to this meeting on round 2 funding. Have until August 31st, 2022, to submit travel to use funding.
Because of covid, round 2 and 3 have been running concurrently. Round 3 has been spent.
As soon as travel is submitted for round 2, start using round 3 money. All the money for round 2 and 3 has been distributed.

Michelle-

- Next meeting in Savannah on January 5th, 2023. Details TBA.
- IAFP 2023- USDA considers Canada domestic travel under the domestic travel budget. Documentation available from USDA to document its considered domestic travel. Need to verify passport status and do necessary steps to renewal if needed.

*According to the NIFA Policy Guide, "Foreign travel includes any travel outside of North America and/or U.S. Possessions. Domestic travel includes **Canada**, Mexico, and U.S. Possessions."

[NIFA Policy Guide - Allowable Costs \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/nifa-policy-guide-allowable-costs)

Evaluation update-

Michelle and Keith- Evaluation update

- Cover sheet update with Peggy. An updated SC 3.0 cover sheet will be sent out. The cover sheet will go to Peggy.
- Amy Harder has handed the project over to Matt Benge. He is on board now for Southern Center evaluation needs.

- FSOP projects- Amy will send out an email on annual reporting for FSOP projects. Expect in August/September.
- Success stories- looking for success or impact stories that are important to highlight to reach out. Can be submitted to NIFA and in your own reporting.

FDA- PSN Update:

Diane Ducharme (FDA-PSN)

- Produce Safety Network should have a representative from FDA to work with on the PSR. Trevor is the other one in the SC. Latin American office personnel have been added.
- Proposed Ag water rule- December the Proposed Ag Water rule came out, Supplemental notice released in July that is currently open to comment. The Ag Water Builder online tool is being worked on as well.
 - Discussion: 9 months turn around- Updating PSA Slides, Updating PSA information, updating grower and regulatory education. **Rene**, TDA- also concerned about the turn around and time to educate. Diane- the education is paramount before complying and FDA “recognizes it.” Betsy- concerned about where water occurs in the curriculum. When the new subpart E drops, the PSA Team will have to drop everything to update everything, will have to launch train-the-trainer, will have to wait on FDA wait to review everything. The tool will need to be practiced on the farm with groups of growers **Michelle** — it is going to take time; 9 months is too soon. **Dianne**- we need to consider the regulators needing trained to. Have until September 17th to comment.
- Cyclospora- task force and fact sheet updated on the FDA website.

PSA Update:

Betsy Bihn, on behalf of Tommy Saunders (Cornell), PSA Update

- Mariana- based out of California, new PSA Spanish associate.
- Collins Bugingo- NW associate
- SW associate position is closed, and candidate has been selected, waiting on approval from Cornell.
- 8,861 in person grower participants and 2,419 remote participants
- 115 growers in Southern Region have taken the online course.
- Policy updates:
 - Remote training policy is temporary. In-order to make permanent, they must evaluate the evaluations.
 - October 1st, 2021- instituted a grower training prerequisite for taking the TTT.
 - Spanish language group is taking off. We need grower trainings in Spanish and then a TTT in Spanish.
 - Alternate Delivery Policy- access to training for languages that are not available in PSA or cannot read.
- Held one in June 2022- planning one in February 2023. Trying to figure out how to get more trainers to the training

- Subpart E office hours- Thank you to the SC for donating your time to be involved. Focus groups submitted on grower behalf.
- Educational materials-
 - More than words- collaboration with LFSC.
 - Manual available in Korean (new), Chinese, Spanish, English, Portuguese
 - Spanish language group- new
 - International trainings- Mexico
 - PSA is working on a term document to share for different languages- FDA is working on a new list of terms as well.
 - Translating Preamble into Spanish- lead trainer application

Partner Updates:

- VT, Laura Strawn- working with states for PSA and FSPCA training, partnering with neighboring states.
- UT-Rio Grande Valley, Kranti- FSOP focus group meetings with growers, working on curriculum. Send team members to PSA Grower Trainings
- TAMU, Alex- Matt Taylor is offering PSA courses, interested in providing training in Spanish for farm workers.
- TDA, Rene- more people asking questions about on-farm application. TDA is taking training out of CAP grant. Offering trainings for Spanish, Small producers, and exempt growers
- Tenn. ST, Email from Aliyar- 4 FSPCA trainings (55 attendees), one scheduled in Oct in Nashville.
- Clemson, Kim- PSA Grower Trainings, more people want Remote training. Changed Charleston to Remote. No longer receive federal funding to supplement PSA Grower Training. Welcomed two new trainers with Carolina Farm Stewardship Association. 6- outreach opportunities, 2 PCQI trainings.
- Ok. St, Ravi- 11 trainings (PSA and PCQI), Plant based meat companies needing PCQI, need for GAP trainings.
- NCSU, Lynette- reporting for Chip and Elena- PSA GTs continued, seeing a decline in attendees. Companies are now wanting onsite training.
- MSU- Angelica (Juan)- still offering PSA trainers.
- LSU, Achyut- PSA in-person and remote, harvest/farmers market training, expanding compost workshop, Spanish farm worker training.
- UKY, Paul- 11 PSA Grower Trainings since July, work with KDA for implementation and outreach. 25 OFRR's. Amish and Mennonite growers- 40% of growers, some will have PowerPoint at training, some don't. Training off binder. Will hit 1,000 grower mark soon.
- UGA, Laurel-
- AAMU, Auburn-Camila- reduction in attending in-person, found out to increase attendance include hands-on activities. Developing educational materials. Seen reduction in remote trainings.
- Jean, ADA- round table discussions with farmers around the state to make comments of FDA rule. Hosting a Cleaning and Sanitation Workshop in November with FDA, central AL.
- Taylor, UF- Ongoing PSA Trainings remote and in-person,
- UArk- January hired two people, 5 Virtual trainings and 1 in-person trainings. 1 upcoming in October. Strawberry cleaning and sanitation workshop. BSAAO workshop in August of 2021 on their YouTube channel.

FSOP Updates:

- Matt- Hosted an IST for county agents.
- Faith- BTG doing TTT's and GT's, Virtual class December 8th and 9th Grower Training, January 3rd TTT in Savannah.
- Wendy White, GT- Entrepreneur training for Food Safety and Business for startups in underserved communities starts in October.
- Camilla- Kristin Woods Farm innovation- purchased tools and harvest bins to give to growers. Leftover funds, reallocating to trailers at MS State and Auburn. Janet- curricula adaption and supplemental materials for low vision, low literacy, low hearing, disabilities, purchasing equipment to help growers for in-person trainings- Black Belt farmers. Armitra- continuing developing training materials for graduate students (capacity building project)

Other Business:

Michelle-

- SRIPS- LA not able to host anymore, have not had a SRIPS since 2019. States are interested in continuing to host meeting. Two states have offered to host. When and where?
Rene- Texas finds it very useful and worthwhile. **Laura**- supportive of hosting another one, couple with another meeting? **ADA**- Alabama committed to coming.
North and South Carolina have volunteered to host.
- Group photo.
- Socrates- hiring two researchers in parasitology and campylobacter at FDA.
- Keith- needs justification with invoices
- Reminders: October 27th and 28th- PSA TTT in Athens, Advance PSA Training February 7th-9th
- FSPCA- new focus on manufactured foods, want to put more focus on this moving forward.
Alexis Hamilton
 - Alexis- look at Pre-/ Post-tests for the trainings and collect scores- capture knowledge gain, tricky questions, etc. Survey link has been created. IRB approval. Get authorship for involvement.