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Protect Your Company from a Food Safety Crisis!
United Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Association in cooperation
with
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Presents
"How to Facilitate A Traceback Investigation"
Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center,
Corniche Room
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan 48824
Tuesday, April 10, 2001

What happens when a consumer gets sick and health officials think produce might be the cause? Don't miss this invaluable workshop on farm investigations following a foodborne disease outbreak. In this interactive session, hosted by United in cooperation with the Food and Drug Administration, you will learn how the government conducts traceback investigations, and how your application of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) can protect your company. This session will benefit:

- * growers
- * harvesters
- * quality assurance professionals
- * production & operations managers, and
- * other concerned parties

In this Seminar.....

- * Understand the purpose of traceback and traceforward investigations.
- * Understand the application of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) for consistently identifying and assessing potential hazards that may be encountered during growing, harvesting, processing, distribution and transportation of produce.
- * Review the FDA's domestic and imported fresh produce sampling surveys.

ONE-DAY AGENDA

One Day - Domestic Produce Farm Investigations Training
Workshop

Tuesday, April 10, 2001

8:00AM - 8:30AM REGISTRATION

8:30AM - 8:40AM Welcome and Introductions

Marion V. Allen, FSI Staff, FDA
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Washington, DC

8:40AM - 9:10AM Course Objectives
FDA's Perspective
Mary Ayling, FSI Staff, FDA
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition,
Washington, DC
And
Industry Perspective
Donna Garren, V.P, Scientific & Technical Affairs
United Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Association,
Alexandria, VA

9:10AM - 10:30AM "Good Agricultural Practices for
produce growers - protecting you business"
University speaker TBA

10:30AM - 10:45AM BREAK

10:45AM - 12:00PM "An overview of pathogens that
might contaminate fresh produce"
M. Walderhaug, Ph.D., (FDA)
Center for Food Safety and Applied
Nutrition, Washington, DC

12:00PM - 1:00PM LUNCH

1:00PM - 2:15PM "What health authorities look for and
what we find during produce investigations - Review a
recent case study"
Jack Guzewich, R.S., M.P.H., (FDA)
Emergency Coordination & Response
Center for Food Safety and Applied
Nutrition, Washington, DC

2:15PM - 2:30PM BREAK

2:30PM - 3:30PM "How to effectively use
investigations and sampling
techniques to protect your company and
public health", (Speaker TBA)

3:30PM - 4:30PM Closing Remarks & Evaluations
Target Audience:

Growers, harvesters, producers, quality assurance and quality control managers, research and development managers, and production and operation managers.

Course Description:

This workshop will cover the application of GAP's and GMP's to identify, assess, and minimize potential microbial hazards that may be encountered during the growing, harvesting, packing and transportation of fresh produce. Pathogens associated with produce, their source, and the conditions that affect their survival will be presented along with tips for sampling and detection. What the industry can do to facilitate a traceback and traceforward investigation will be explained along with what FDA looks for and what they have found in past investigations. In addition, a brief overview of FDA's Domestic and Imported Fresh Produce 1000 Sample Survey will also be discussed.

Course Objectives:

* Understand the purpose of traceback inspections; and * Understand the application of Good Agriculture Practices (GAPs) for consistently identifying and assessing potential hazards that may be encountered during growing, harvesting, processing, distribution and transportation of produce.

Course Registration:

The fee for the entire seminar will be \$95.00 including lunch.

Contact Information:

For further information about the workshop and registration, please contact Anita Ragan at United Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Association:

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What's New At The VegNet Web Site

Online Edition of the 2001 Ohio Vegetable Production Guide - Now Available

Sweet Corn Disease Resistance Ratings

The following are summarized lists of Dr. Pataky's work at the Univ. of IL on disease reactions of sweet corn. In these summaries, all experimental and processing varieties have been removed and only named varieties which were rated for common rust or MDM are included. The first list are those named varieties rated for common rust. The second list are only those named varieties rated for Maize Dwarf Mosaic virus (MDM). For a complete report, E-mail: Bob Precheur:

precheur.1@osu.edu

Common Rust of Sweet Corn

MDM of Sweet Corn

Do You Know Us?

Find out what we've been up to. The OSU Vegetable Team Report is available in PDF file format for downloading from the VegNet homepage.

Sources of Pheromone Traps Used in Vegetable Pest Management.

Do you need to find traps, lures or suppliers, click on the Vegetable IPM button on the left side of the homepage, then click on the 'Sources' document in the Vegetable IPM section.

IR-4 News

Also in the Vegetable IPM section, you can link to the IR-4 website. Read the results of the 2000 food use workshop, monthly and quarterly newsletters. Find out the latest on pesticide registrations for minor crops. Learn about biopesticides plus much more. Click on the Vegetable IPM button on the VegNet homepage and then click on the IR4 link in the Vegetable IPM section.

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