

## **Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Food Safety Training**

**Wednesday May 6, 2009 1:00-5:30 PM**  
**UMass South Deerfield Research Farm**

Foodborne outbreaks linked to fresh produce have increased in recent years. To address this issue, UMass Extension, the UMass Department of Nutrition and the MA Department of Agricultural Resources have teamed up to implement a USDA Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Training Program for growers and other fresh produce handlers.

This event will be held Wednesday, May 6 from 1-5:30 PM at the UMass South Deerfield Research Farm, River Road, South Deerfield. Attendees will learn about bacteria associated with fresh produce, strategies for controlling food safety hazards in all phases of production and USDA Third-Party GAP Audits.

Participants will receive a GAP manual, a certificate of participation, and one pesticide credit is offered.

Presenters include: Rich Bonanno, Ph.D., UMass Extension Educator 978-361-5650, [rbonanno@umext.umass.edu](mailto:rbonanno@umext.umass.edu); David Nyachuba, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, UMass Department of Nutrition 413-545-0552 [dgn@nutrition.umass.edu](mailto:dgn@nutrition.umass.edu); Scott Soares, Commissioner, MA Department of Agricultural Resources and Mike Botelho, MA Department of Agricultural Resources.

Preregistration is required. Registration deadline: April 27, 2009. To register send \$50.00 payable to the University of Massachusetts to: Shirley A. Mietlicki-Floyd, UMass Department of Public Health, 205 Arnold House, 715 North Pleasant Street, Amherst MA 01003-9304

Directions: From I-91 south, take exit 24 and turn left at the end of the ramp onto Rts 5 & 10 North. Go north on 5 & 10 a few hundred yards to the traffic light and turn right onto Rt. 116 (toward Amherst). Proceed about one mile through another light and then turn left (north) onto River Rd. just before the bridge over the Connecticut River. Go north on River Rd. past a housing development and left through the gate onto the Research Farm. Look for signs. From the Amherst-Sunderland-Hadley area, cross the Connecticut River on Rt. 116 and turn right onto River Rd. just beyond the bridge.