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• Summary of attendee goals, expectations, and questions
  • Improved coordination and collaboration in the region (all levels, all initiatives)
  • Better leverage resources across region
  • Increased information sharing among state initiatives
  • Best practices for producer / processor engagement in training
  • One-stop shop for FSMA related resources
  • Networking and communication
  • FSMA relative to the new federal administration?
  • Next steps of FSMA roll-out
  • Process for alt curricula, supplemental info, e.g. USDA NIFA FSOP projects
  • How do the Alliances, Regional Centers and the National Center work together?
NECAFS Goal

To build a Northeast regional network infrastructure to support a national food safety training, education, extension, outreach, and technical assistance system to increase the understanding and adoption of established food safety standards, guidance, and protocols through a comprehensive food safety training, education and technical assistance program for those affected by the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) with a particular, regional focus on the needs of owners and operators of small and medium-sized produce farms, beginning farmers, socially disadvantaged farmers, small processors, or small fresh fruit and vegetable merchant wholesalers.
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NECAFS Objectives

1. Build Collaborative Capacity and Competency
2. Foster Diverse Community Partnership
3. Educate a Focused Target Audience
4. Promote National Integration
5. Make a Positive Impact
6. Plan for Sustainability
Agenda

**Morning**
- Welcome
- National Update
- Regional Update
- State Reports
  - Regulatory Program Focus

**Afternoon**
- State Reports
  - Research and Education Focus
- Reflections and Wrap Up
- Next Steps and Action Items