

**NECAFS/NEASDA
Joint Annual Meeting**

**January 10, 2017
Boston, MA**

Northeast Regional Food Safety
Symposium

Why Are We Here?



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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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processors.**

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