



2019 NECAFS Annual Conference Notes

Albany, New York, 02/04/19 through 02/06/19

Day 1, Tuesday, Feb. 5th, 2019

10:30am: State and Regional Project Updates (continued)

URI PSR Qualified Exemption Spreadsheet – Lori Pivarnik and Sean McCormick

- Excel Spreadsheet- created to assist processors with recordkeeping and determining eligibility for PSR qualified exemption.
- QE sheet 2: template outline for spreadsheet columns for farmers to learn how to use the spreadsheet
- Columns in spreadsheet include: amount of sale, purchased by, purchase designation, qualified user? (yes/no generated)
- Spreadsheet determines QE after farmer personally inputs sales information.
- The sales may be entered in groups, not each individual sale. Whatever is easiest for the farmer using the spreadsheet.
- All information over the years is automatically entered into an output sheet. Answer “am I qualified exempt” is answered in “Yes” or “no”
- End sheet is used as official records as opposed to receipts for proof of exemption.
- There are three sheets for three years, fits requirements for qualified exemptions
- **If you are interested in the spreadsheet, please contact Lori, Sean or Amanda. They are looking forward to receiving spreadsheet feedback.**
 - Sean McCormick: Sean.McCormick@health.ri.gov
- **Q:** What if farmers have 2 or 1 year of sales
- **A:** There are alternate spreadsheets available for 1 or 2 year farmers. They can't use the 3 year spreadsheet, as it would avg. incorrectly.

National Young Farmers Coalition – Cara Fraver

- Young farmers fighting for the future of agriculture. Tackling barriers young farmers face through policy change, local chapters and business services
- Local food safety collaborative: provides outreach, education and training to small and local producers and processors on the PS and PC rules of FSMA.
- Provide PSA trainings (21) around the US (560 growers)
- Designed guidebook on HOW to make food safer on-farm and what to know about PSR- drafts available, expect to be released in early 2019
- Short videos to encourage small scaled growers to attend trainings, working to demystify on-farm food safety

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- Goals for 2019- case studies, informal versions of OFRRs, online food safety plan writing class, information videos, outreach at regional conferences
- **Q:** What is considered a “Young” farmer?
- **A:** 58.8 years or younger- national standard

Cornell Cooperative Extension- Artisan Dairy Food Safety Coaching – Barbara Williams

- Host/teach workshop intended for artisan cheese makers.
- Participants bring in their started food safety plans to review and work through with the coaching team.
- The course covers: GMPS, HA, PC and Recall Plan in a class format (NOT a PCQI certification course, but taught in a similar style)
- 2-day workshops (12-17 participants usually. Cap at 20 for 1 on 1 time)
- 2-4 coaches at each workshop (taught by PCQI lead trainers)
- National Food Safety Dairy Coalition website-
<http://www.dairyfoodsafetycoalition.com/>
 - You can request a workshop in your area
- First Class: Cornell 2017
- Next class- Minneapolis- Mar. 21-22.
- Low fee of \$49/ workshop.
- **Q:** will you be at the cheese makers conference next week in PA (has since passed)
- **A:** tentative yes, she will email to confirm.

Penn State Extension- Bilingual PS Educational Programming for Hispanic/ Latino Fresh Produce Growers & Farmworkers in PA - Maria Gorgo-Gourovitch

- 2012 U.S Ag census: 21% growers of new Hispanic farmers in US, 24% growth of new Hispanic farmers in PA
- Spanish is the native language of 81% of farm workers. 66% said they could understand/read English.
- Produce Safety training must be given to 100% of employees handling produce or in contact with food-contact surfaces in a way easy for the trainee to understand.
- USDA NIFA grant objectives: GAPs education and training in Spanish, culturally appropriate outreach materials
- As of 2019: training needs and priorities of knowledge gaps were identified. Educational materials were developed and trainings are being held in Spanish. Certificates were given with documentation on what was covered in the course. Bilingual certificates were produced.
- As of Feb. 2019- 3 educators, 36 participants, 4 presentations

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- Mushrooms: Mar. 2018- 2 educators, 20 participants, 5 presentations
- Holistic horticulture: Apr. 2018- 3 Educators, 85 participants, 4 presentations, 2 field demonstrations.
- Latino outreach: Apr. 2018- 6 educators, 2 master gardeners, 30 participants, 4 presentations.
- Mid Atlantic Fruit & veg convention- Jan 2019- 8 educators, 32 participants, 16 undergrad students, 2 grad students
- Translation of Current Educational materials online- Penn State Extension Website
- Development of New bilingual produce safety curricula spiral bound books.
- Maria Gorgo-Gourovitch: mag38@psu.edu

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