NECAFS
The Northeast Center to Advance Food Safety

Produce Safety Workgroup
Northeast State Regulators compiled list of **top issues observed** during inspections in 2020.

**Break Out Session 1** – What is happening and why?

**Break Out 2** – What should we do about these needs?

**Break Out 3** – How do we sustain integrated communication on research and educational needs?

**Regulator Top Issues** – What common misunderstanding and noncompliance issues are seen?

**Identify barriers preventing adoption** of improved practice and the **action needed to overcome** that barrier.

**Strategies for establishing a framework** for continuous communication.

Expand/add your own **examples** to list. Identify specific **needs** do these observations represent.
Summary of 2020 Breakout Groups

Top 5 common **misunderstandings** are:
1. Cleaning, Sanitizing, Food Contact Surfaces
2. Audits vs FSMA Produce Safety Rule
3. Who the Produce Safety Rule Applies To
4. Record Keeping
5. Hand-Washing

Top 5 common **noncompliance** issues are:
1. Record Keeping
2. Cleaning, Sanitizing, Cleanability of Materials
3. Worker Training
4. Building & Facilities
5. Hand-Washing Stations

**What is happening, what does it look like and why is it happening?**
**What’s missing that needs significant attention?**
**What should we do about the issue, the needs, and the barriers?**

**What should NECAFS (and the annual meeting) look like going forward?**
Planning Activities for NECAFS

Regularly identify key produce safety priorities
- Survey partners annually to identify priority areas

Focused break out group based on priority
- Host annual break out groups to expand and articulate barriers
- Publish summary report

Integrated and interdisciplinary discussion
- Host research summit to discuss integrated approach
- Publish summary report from research summit

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- Complete lit reviews of existing published research
- Host webinars to share information on research across

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2022 Produce Safety Working Group Meeting

- Presentations and Project Updates (40 min)
  - Regulatory Observation Summary
  - Projects and Initiatives Underway
  - Outline of the Day’s Activities
- Regulatory Overview of Worker Training (30 min)
- Break / Lunch / Poster Session (60 min)
- Inspector Panel – Worker Training Issues Observed On-Farm (60 min)
- Breakout Groups (60 min)