



## Results of the Survey on Qualified Facilities

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### Summary of Results

The survey reached more than 600 individuals and received 67 responses.

- 71.6% responded that they are interested in learning more about qualified facilities and the qualified facility attestation form.
- Webinars (68.3%) and white papers via email (66.7%) are the type of training session/material favored the most
- More than 70% of the respondents find a need for food safety training for small and very small facilities
- 50 individuals responded that their facilities are small food facilities, but only 30 (60%) responded that their facilities are registered.
- 78% (of 50 responses) are interested in knowing more about qualified facilities and how to complete a qualified facility attestation form.
- Food safety topics where more information is needed include:
  - Cleaning and sanitation: prevention of cross contamination,
  - Dairy regulations and example of dairy food safety plans
  - Good manufacturing practices
  - Labels
  - Microbial testing: environmental monitoring testing, product testing. testing for pathogens, testing for shelf life, interpretation of lab reports
  - Preventive controls: identified hazards, interventions to address contaminations
  - Recall and recall management
  - Record keeping
  - Regulatory compliance
  - Traceability

## **Future activities organized by UVM Extension in support of small food facilities**

UVM Extension will organize webinars to discuss some of the topics where more information is needed.

UVM Extension has already teamed up with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services and the Vermont Department of Health for a webinar on food recalls. This free webinar is scheduled for **Thursday, October 25 at 2 pm EST**. To learn more and to register for this FREE webinar, please follow this link: <http://go.uvm.edu/foodrecall01>.

UVM Extension will organize a webinar to discuss the regulations related to food facility registration, the importance of registering food facilities and qualified facilities. This webinar has been scheduled for **November 7, 2018**. More information about this webinar will be provided soon.

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