New Resources & Links

FDA Resources

- Frequently Asked Questions & Answers Posted: March 26, 2013 (new)
- Presentations & Public Meeting Documents: (new)
  Chicago, IL: March 11-12, 2013: http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm339097.htm
- Main page for resources on the FSMA Proposed Rule for Produce:
  Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption:
  http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm334114.htm
- Comment process open until May 16, 2013! Submit your comments now – 7 weeks left!

There are two ways to comment:
1.) Electronically at http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FDA-2011-N-0921
2.) Written comments may be faxed to the FDA at 301-827-6870 or you may mail them to:
Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Secondly, two national produce safety programs are located at Cornell; the Produce Safety Alliance (PSA), tasked with preparing farmers and regulatory personnel for the FSMA Produce Rule by creating a national curriculum and conducting trainings; the National GAPs Program, focused on creating educational materials to support GAPs implementation on the farm. The PSA has been hosting a series of Q&A calls with FDA colleagues so growers, extension personnel, and others can clarify points in the proposed regulation. Below are links to review the sessions that have already been completed as well as a link to the upcoming schedule. Please join the PSA listserv to assure you get all the up-to-date and timely information regarding the proposed produce rule as well as information from the sister alliances (Preventive Controls Alliance and the Sprout Alliance). To sign up, visit our website at http://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/psa.html

Produce Safety Alliance Resources
• PSA-FDA Question & Answer Sessions 1 & 2 Recordings Posted
  Q&A Session 1 Recording, Understanding Exemptions: March 18, 2013
  Q&A Session 2 Recording, Agricultural Water: March 25, 2013 (new)

• Information on PSA-FDA Q & A Series & Full Schedule
  Next session: Soil Amendments - April 22, 2013, 11 AM EST