



FOOD SAFETY PREVENTIVE CONTROLS ALLIANCE



INSTITUTE FOR FOOD SAFETY AND HEALTH



About the FSPCA

The Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA) is a public-private partnership created by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the Illinois Institute of Technology's Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH).

The main mission of the FSPCA is to support safe food production by developing and delivering a core curriculum, conducting training, and supporting a technical assistance network and outreach programs that will help the human food and animal food industry comply with Preventive Controls regulations.

FSPCA Stakeholders

The FSPCA consists of over 150 representatives from industry, academia, and government. Steering Committee stakeholders include:

Academic Stakeholders:

- Illinois Institute of Technology
- North Carolina State University
- Rutgers University
- University of Maryland
- University of Minnesota
- University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Government Stakeholders:

- FDA, USDA, and State Regulators
- Association of American Feed Control Officials
- Association of Food and Drug Officials

Industry Stakeholders:

- American Bakers Association
- American Feed Industry Association
- American Frozen Food Institute
- Grocery Manufacturers Association
- International Dairy Foods Association
- International Food Protection Training Institute
- National Grain and Feed Association
- Pet Food Institute
- United Fresh Produce Association

FSPCA Steering Committee



Training Materials, Course, Models, Protocol



Certificates and Records



A great way to receive the most current information related to educational and training opportunities, FSMA updates, and food safety research and events.

FSPCA Deliverables

- Develop a standardized hazard analysis preventive controls curriculum
- Disseminate scientific and technical information relevant to hazard analysis and preventive controls
- Create a technical assistance network for industry with emphasis on small and mid-sized human food and animal food companies
- Develop a compendium of commonly used preventive controls and compile relevant technical information on hazards and preventive controls
- Function as a bridge between the FDA and the food industry to communicate technical elements of preventive controls

Topics in the Curriculum

- Introduction to Course
- Overview of a Food Safety Plan
- GMPs and Prerequisite Programs
- Biological Food Safety Hazards
- Chemical, Physical and Economically Motivated Hazards
- Preliminary Steps in Developing a Food Safety Plan
- Process Preventive Controls
- Allergen Preventive Controls
- Sanitation Preventive Controls
- Supplier Preventive Controls
- Recall Plan
- Verification and Validation Procedures
- Record-keeping Procedures
- Regulation Overview
- Resources for Preparing Food Safety Plans
- Food Safety Plan Examples and Exercises
- The Animal Food Course emphasizes additional topics relevant to pet food and animal feed production

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Get Involved

The FSPCA is engaged in efforts to provide resources for stakeholders to use in meeting both the Human and Animal Food Preventive Controls rules requirements under FSMA.

Become a Lead Instructor: FSPCA provides train-the-trainer courses for independent instructors to gain the skills necessary to deliver the standardized training. Apply online at www.iit.edu/ifsh/alliance.

Join the Technical Assistance Network: University and Extension experts can participate in information portals, conduct research, share models, and communicate directly with small businesses. Network participants come together with industry and regulators for an annual technical conference.

Take a Course: Attend a Food Safety Preventive Controls course for human food or animal food. The FSPCA Certificate of Course Completion provides evidence of training to help comply with requirements for a qualified individual.

Stay Informed: FSPCA will continue to provide information and resources through its website, conferences, working groups, and webinars for the whole community interested in food safety preventive controls.

FSPCA Update Webinars are scheduled quarterly. Go to www.iit.edu/ifsh/alliance to view the current schedule.



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