The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) has awarded a series of federal grants as part of the National Food Safety Training, Education, Extension, Outreach, and Technical Assistance Program.

The goal of the program is to assist owners and operators of small and medium-sized farms, beginning farmers, socially disadvantaged farmers, small processors, and small fresh fruit and vegetable merchant wholesalers in meeting produce safety requirements as set forth in the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) by developing and providing food safety training, education, extension, outreach, and technical assistance.

IFPTI is the National Coordination Center (NCC) under this program and produce safety activities are being carried out by six grant recipients: