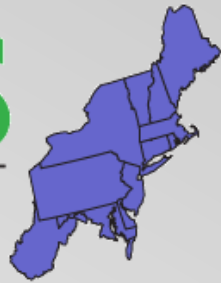


NECAFS

The Northeast Center to Advance Food Safety



Who:

- University researchers, educators and extension specialists
- State regulatory and enforcement agency partners
- Local food and farming organizations, NFP's
- Industry associations
- Small and medium sized producers, small processors, buyers
- Other regional centers and initiatives, national center, USDA/FDA

Goal:

Enhance produce safety and preventive controls training, education, and outreach among small and medium sized farms and small processors in the Northeast.

Objectives:

1. Establish Foundational Network Structure

2. Build Capacity, Competency, and Collaboration

3. Develop and Deliver Educational Programs

4. Evaluate and Assess Progress and Impact

5. Sustain Good Work

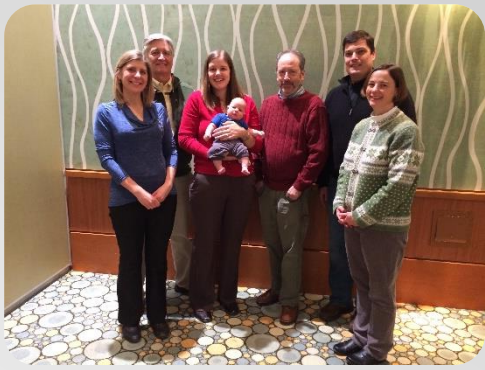


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Activities	Results
eNewsletter and Listserv	Circulation: 19 -> 289, 42% opens & 22% clicks (go.uvm.edu/necafsnews)
NECAFS Website and Clearinghouse	Website: 6,847 page views. (go.uvm.edu/necafs) Clearinghouse: crowd-sourced, curated collection of food safety related resources. (go.uvm.edu/clearinghouse)
Webinars	8 webinars held in 2017, 396 attendees, 594 contact hours. Regional focus, national inclusion. Varied topics from Annual Meeting Summary to Tailoring Programs for Plain Sect Growers.
Annual Meeting	Regional, in-person meeting and conference. 2 days, 110 attendees in Jan 2018.
Training Support Stipend Program (TSSP)	Training of trainers and lead trainers in PSA, FSPCA and SPROUT national curricula, Support for training delivery to stakeholders. 14 trainers supported in 2017, 21 total to-date. 3 delivery events supported in region in 2017.
Special Projects Grants Program (SPGP)	Competitive RFP with small awards. 4 projects funded and underway: topics vary from cleaning and sanitizing best practices for produce wash equipment to review of antimicrobial solutions focused on environmental and personnel safety.





Next Steps

1. Establish Foundational Network Structure

- Solid structure, supported by organic network development.
- Sustain and nurture.

2. Build Capacity, Competency, and Collaboration

- Continued, expanded communications via eNews and Webinars.
- Enhanced Work-group activity.
- Focus on inclusion and diversity.
- Shifting to producers and processors for network development.

3. Develop and Deliver Educational Programs

- TSSP continues, shifting to focus on delivery support.
- SPGP supporting add-on and supplemental materials.
- Work-groups identifying specific development needs among producer and processor cohorts.

4. Evaluate and Assess Progress and Impact

- Partner network evaluation beginning Spring 2018
- Gathering testimonials, stories, and impact narratives from producers and processors (started Winter 2017)

5. Sustain Good Work

- Continue to foster and directly support regional, multi-state, transdisciplinary, and integrated proposals to support our mission
- Secure sustaining regional center funding via FDA/USDA programs.