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Upcoming Trainings

FOOD SAFETY SCHOOL

October 16, 2025
8:30am-4:00pm
Harrisonburg, VA
Register [here](#)

CGMPS

October 22, 2025
8:00am-5:00pm
Rapidan, VA
Register [here](#)

BPCS ACIDIFIED FOODS

October 29-30, 2025
8:00am-5:30pm each day
TBD, WV
Register [here](#)

PRODUCE SAFETY ALLIANCE GROWER TRAINING COURSE

November 11-12, 2025
1:00pm-5:00pm each day
Virtual via Zoom
Register [here](#)

PACKINGHOUSE HACCP

December 15-18, 2025
1:00pm-5:00pm each day
Virtual via Zoom
Register [here](#)

Welcome to the Team!



Dr. Demi Perry joined FST Extension as an Enology Extension Specialist at the Winchester AREC!

Stephanie Slocum joined FST Extension as our Outreach Coordinator based in Blacksburg!



Dr. Mengyi Dong joined FST Extension as a Seafood Safety Extension Specialist at the Seafood AREC!

Dr. Renee Boyer has rejoined FST Extension alongside her new role as Assistant Dean of Graduate Research Programs!



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New Resources



FOOD TRACEABILITY RULE

Curious about the Traceability Rule and whether it applies to you? Our new mini course (online and asynchronous) launches September 12th, so register [here!](#)



LABEL CLAIMS ON FOOD

Find out what you are and are not allowed to say on your food product's label by reading our latest fact sheet [here!](#)



HOME FOOD PRESERVATION: KOMBUCHA

Teach someone how they can brew their own kombucha! Contact [Lester](#) for more information.

New Resources Cont...



OPTIMIZING FREEZE DRYERS

Do you want to make freeze-dried foods but notice inconsistency in product dryness? Read our [fact sheet](#) to keep this from happening!



SERVING SAFELY: PREPARING FOOD FOR THE PUBLIC

Train food handlers and managers of exempt retail food establishments to safely prepare food for the public. Contact [Lester](#) for more information.

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