TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

10th Annual Low Moisture Food Safety Task Force Meeting

Nathan Anderson, Ph.D., Research Agricultural Engineer, Office of Food Safety, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, (FDA)

Elizabeth Grasso-Kelley, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Food Science & Nutrition, Illinois Tech, Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH)

- Welcoming Remarks & Meeting Goals
- “Hot Topic”: Flour Safety and FDA’s Sampling Study
  Aparna Tatavarthy, Ph.D., Microbiologist, Office of Food Safety, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, (FDA)

- IFSH Low Moisture Food Safety Research Update: Lighting Round
- Extrusion Best Practices Working Group Update
- NEW USDA Funded Research: Sustainable, Systems-Based Solutions for Ensuring Low-Moisture Food Safety
- Task Force Member Needs and Future Directions (open discussion)
**Sprout Safety Task Force**

**Welcome and Introduction**
Barbara Sanderson, Owner, Jonathan Sprouts
Robert Brackett, Ph.D., Vice President, Illinois Tech, Director, Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH)

**Regulatory Update**
Mark Moorman, Ph.D., Director, Office of Food Safety, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

**Sprout Safety and Emerging Issues: ISGA Perspectives**
Carmen Wakeling, Owner, Eatmore Sprouts, President, International Sprout Growers Association (ISGA)

**Sprout Safety Alliance – An Update**
Kaiping Deng, Ph.D., Senior Scientist and Sprout Safety Alliance (SSA) Coordinator, Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH)

**BREAK 2:30 -2:40 PM**

**Food Safety of Sprouted Seeds: Moving in the Right Direction**
Keith Warriner, Ph.D., Dept. of Food Science, U. of Guelph

**IFSH Research: Impact of Temperature on Salmonella Proliferation in Alfalfa Sprouts during Storage**
Tong-Jen Fu, Ph.D., Research Chemical Engineer, Office of Food Safety, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

**Discussion: Issues and Research Needs**
Moderator: Barbara Sanderson, Owner, Jonathan Sprouts
- Food Code: sprouts as a TCS food?
- Sprout industry hold-and-release testing
- Value of discontinuing a seed lot on first SIW positive
- Testing for non-O157 STEC
- EPA registration of seed treatment chemicals
- Competitive exclusion and other research needs
- Sprouted seed products and microgreens

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Juice & Beverage Safety Task Force

Alvin Lee, Ph.D., Director, Center for Processing Innovation, Institute for Food Safety and Health (IFSH), Associate Professor, Department of Food Science and Nutrition, Illinois Tech

Glenn Black, Ph.D., Associate Director of Research, Office of Food Safety, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

- Introductions, Welcoming Remarks, Updates & Meeting Goals
- Updates from Low Acid Workgroup
- Updates from High Acid Workgroup (USDA NIFA Grant)
- FDA Perspectives on Validation and Updates
- Cold Pressure Council Updates
- Technology Updates and Presentation
- “Hot Topics” and Future Directions Discussion
- Summarize and Wrap-Up