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Food Safety Webinars now available

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Looking to keep up to date on the latest food safety practices and help strengthen your Growing Forward 2 application? OSCIA is once again offering food safety webinars covering 6 different topics, taken from the comfort of your home or business - all you need is an Internet and phone connection. The workshops are open to all farmers, but have a primary focus on the horticulture industry. Contact foodsafety@ontariosoilcrop.org for details.

Register at: http://registration.wildapricot.org/food_safety

Topic: Worker Practices

This session focuses on the significant impact people have on minimizing food contamination and identifies ways to strengthen the role workers play in daily productions.

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time (New York)

Topic: Cleaning and Sanitizing

This session focuses on the significant role cleaning and sanitizing play in producing safe food on-farm.

Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time (New York)

Topic: Pest Control, Building Maintenance and Visitors

This session focuses on the impact pests, building maintenance and visitors can have on the safety of the food you produce and identifies ways to implement good agricultural practices to reduce these risks.

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time (New York)

Topic: Soil Amendments

This session focuses on using soil amendments such as manure, compost or compost teas for soil fertility and on the food safety risk if not used properly. Good agricultural practices, and the role they play in reducing the risk when using soil amendments, are highlighted.

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time (New York)

Topic: Pre and Post-Harvest Water

Water used prior to harvest and post harvest plays a significant role on the safety of the food you produce. This workshop explains the role of good agricultural practices in reducing the food safety risks associated with using contaminated pre and post-harvest water.

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time (New York)

Topic: Recall and Traceability

An effective recall program is critical to the success of your business. This session will discuss the importance of developing and implementing a recall program; equipping participants with the knowledge and tools to implement a facility-level traceability system and perform a mock recall.

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time (New York)

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