



Food Safety—Changing Laws, New Responsibilities

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Panelists:

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Russell Libby, *executive director, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Associations (MOFGA), Unity, ME*

Joan Norman, *owner, One Straw Farm, White Hall, MD*

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

LEGISLATION:

H.R. 2749 final: <http://www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h2749/show> or
<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h111-2749>

S. 510 (in progress): <http://www.opencongress.org/bill/111-s510/show> or
<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=s111-510>

REGULATORY:

FDA guidance documents (proposed) on tomatoes/melons/leafy greens:
<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/Product-SpecificInformation/FruitsVegetablesJuices/FDAProduceSafetyActivities/ucm174086.htm>

FDA request for comments on proposed produce rules:
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-3409.pdf>

HACCP & Pathogen Reduction, FSIS website:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Science/hazard_analysis_&_pathogen_reduction/index.asp

USDA proposal on HACCP changes for slaughterhouses:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/HACCP_Validation_Ltrs.pdf

PERSPECTIVES:

MOFGA's commentary:

<http://www.mofga.org/Programs/PublicPolicyInitiatives/MOFGAPositionStatements/FoodSafety/tabid/1102/Default.aspx>

NSAC commentary:

<http://sustainableagriculture.net/category/food-safety/>

<http://sustainableagriculture.net/wp-content/uploads/2008/08/NSAC-Food-Safety-Policy-Brief-October-2009.pdf>

<http://sustainableagriculture.net/wp-content/uploads/2008/08/Letter-to-HELP-on-S-510-11-16-092.pdf>

<http://sustainableagriculture.net/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/Food-Safety-Bill-Needed-Improvements-List-3-29-10.pdf>

<http://sustainableagriculture.net/blog/senate-food-safety-bill-includes-improvements-for-farmers/>

PASA's policy statement on food safety (2009)

<http://www.pasafarming.org/resource/A%20Message%20to%20Public%20Officials%20on%20Food%20Safety.PASA.5-22-09.pdf>

PASA's comments on the proposed FDA produce standards:

<http://www.pasafarming.org/resource/PASA%20Comments%20on%20FDA%20Produce%20Rules.pdf>

Community Alliance with Family Farmers, Food Safety Policy Pages:

<http://www.caff.org/policy/foodsafetyindex.shtml>

Wild Farm Alliance: <http://www.wildfarmalliance.org/>

Consumer Groups: (probably link to Pew, Consumers Union, Food and Water

Watch)

National Organic Coalition (primarily on Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement proposal): <http://www.nationalorganiccoalition.org/Policy%20Comments%20Front%20Page.htm> (especially January 4, and 27)

All Tom Laskawy's posts on Grist (some food safety related, but not all): <http://www.grist.org/member/view-all/posts/11561>