

Food and Agricultural Products Center



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Food Safety Symposium to discuss biosecurity

STILLWATER, Okla. – The Oklahoma Food and Agricultural Products Research and Technology Center of Oklahoma State University is hosting a Food Safety Symposium that will focus on the biosecurity of food from the farm to the table.

The symposium will be held May 22, 2003 from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Wes Watkins Center for International Trade Development on the Oklahoma State University campus in Stillwater, Okla. Sponsors of the symposium are the Food and Agricultural Products Research and Technology Center; Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry; and Oklahoma State Department of Health.

Food safety is a major concern for producers, as well as consumers, said Stanley Gilliland, Center food microbiologist and Food Safety Symposium committee chair.

“Recent global events have increased the need for biosecurity awareness in the food industry,” Gilliland said. “As a result, the theme of this year’s symposium is “Biosecurity of Food: Farm to Table.”

The symposium will provide an opportunity for participants to interact with some of the experts in the area of food safety.

The speakers during the symposium include Floyd Horn, USDA; Jesse Majkowski, FSIS/USDA; David Edger, 3CI Consulting; D.C. Coston, Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station; Elizabeth Nutt, Tulsa City/County Health Department; Lauri Smithee,

Oklahoma State Department of Health; and Peter Muriana, FAPC.

The speakers will discuss food safety topics such as the need for biosecurity in the food system, the FSIS food security initiative, processing facilities security systems, the role of American colleges of agriculture in agricultural security, a terrorism preparedness plan, foodborne disease surveillance and biosecurity and *Listeria monocytogenes*.

The Center is excited to offer some of the nation’s leading food safety scientists as speakers, said J. Roy Escoubas, Center director.

“From initial production practices on the farm, to the many multi-faceted processes food undergoes, the food industry continually searches to better food safety practices,” Escoubas, said. “We hope to provide the latest information on food safety to all who attend the symposium.”

Registration for the symposium is \$20 and is limited to 275 participants. The deadline for pre-registration is Monday, May 12, 2003.

To register for the symposium, logon to www.fapc.okstate.edu or send your name, company, title, address and registration fee to Food and Agricultural Products Center, Room 148, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078-6055. For more information contact Stanley Gilliland at (405) 744-6071 or seg@okstate.edu.

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- 8 a.m. **Registration**
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome**
Dr. Samuel E. Curl, Dean and Director of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, OSU
- 8:45 a.m. **Introductory comments**
Dr. Stanley E. Gilliland, FAPC, OSU
- 9 a.m. **Need for biosecurity in the food system**
Dr. Floyd Horn, USDA
- 9:45 a.m. **Food security initiative of FSIS**
Mr. Jesse Majkowski, Assistant Administrator, FSIS/USDA
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 11 a.m. **Processing facilities security systems**
Mr. David Edger, 3CI Consulting
- 11:45 a.m. **Lunch**
Role of American colleges of agriculture in agricultural security
Dr. D.C. Coston, Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station
- 1:15 p.m. **Tulsa City/County terrorism preparedness plan**
Ms. Elizabeth Nutt, Tulsa City/County Health Department
- 2 p.m. **Foodborne disease surveillance and biosecurity**
Ms. Lauri Smithee, Director, Communicable Disease, Oklahoma State Department of Health
- 2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3 p.m. **Listeria Hysteria**
Dr. Peter Muriana, FAPC, OSU
- 3:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

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