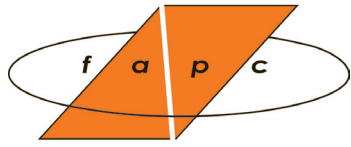


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Food Safety Symposium to discuss prions and toxins

STILLWATER, Okla. – The Oklahoma Food and Agricultural Products Research and Technology Center of Oklahoma State University is hosting a Food Safety Symposium to discuss food safety from farm to table.

The symposium will be held May 20, 2004 from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in room 106 of the Noble Research Center on the Oklahoma State University campus in Stillwater, Okla.

Sponsors of the symposium are the FAPC; Oklahoma State 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, FAPC food microbiologist and Food Safety Symposium committee chair.

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

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 M. Susan Brewer, University of Illinois; Daniel Engeljohn, FSIS/USDA; Reginald W. Bennett, FDA; Garry McK-

ee, FSIS-USDA; Leigh Ann Barnes, FoodProtech; and Christina DeWitt, OSU Department of Animal Science.

The speakers will discuss food safety topics such as “BSE: The Problem and Concern for the Meat Industry,” “BSE: Policy Implications at USDA-FSIS” and “Staphylococcal Enterotoxin: The Toxins its Rapid Identification and Potential Risks.”

Other topics will include “Functions of the FSIS-USDA Technical Services Center” and “Abnormal Prions: Research Plans to Eliminate Infectivity in Animal By-Products.”

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

“They will provide expert information and discussions concerning prions and enterotoxins, reinforcing the need for food safety from farm to table,” Escoubas said.

Registration for the symposium is \$50 and is limited to 175 participants. The deadline for pre-registration is Monday, May 10, 2004.

To register for the symposium, visit www.fapc.okstate.edu or contact Cecilia Brewer at (405) 744-6071 or richc@okstate.edu. For more information regarding the symposium, contact Stanley Gilliland at (405) 744-6071 or seg@okstate.edu.

Food Safety Symposium

"Prions and Enterotoxins"

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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. **BSE: The Problem and Concerns for the Meat Industry**
Dr. M. Susan Brewer, University of Illinois
- 9:45 a.m. **BSE: Policy Implications at USDA-FSIS**
Dr. Daniel Engeljohn, FSIS/USDA
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 11 a.m. **Staphylococcal Enterotoxin: The Toxin, Its Rapid Identification & Potential Risks**
Dr. Reginald W. Bennett, FDA
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. **Functions of the FSIS-USDA Technical Services Center**
Dr. Garry McKee, FSIS-USDA
- 2 p.m. **Specific Risk Materials Management**
Ms. Leigh Ann Barnes, FoodProtech
- 2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3 p.m. **Abnormal Prions: Research Plans to Eliminate Infectivity in Animal By-Products**
Dr. Christina DeWitt, Animal Science, OSU
- 3:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

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