

2017 CPS Research Symposium
Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center
June 20-21, 2017

AGENDA

Tuesday, June 20

8:00 am – 8:15 am Welcome

8:15 am – 9:45 am **Agricultural Water** – The safety of agricultural water has been an industry priority for over a decade. This session will focus on four CPS funded research programs to help stakeholders better understand the factors involved in sourcing, sampling, testing and treating specific types of agricultural water.

- *Identification of novel indicator organisms to determine the risks of fecal contamination of irrigation waters.* Kelly Bright, University of Arizona
- *Microbial food safety risks of reusing tail water for leafy greens production.* Michael Cahn, University of California, Cooperative Extension
- *Demonstration of practical, effective and environmentally sustainable agricultural water treatments to achieve compliance with microbiological criteria.* Ana Allende, CEBAS CSIC, Spain
- *Improved sampling and analytical methods for testing agricultural water for pathogens, surrogates and source tracking indicators.* Vincent Hill, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Moderator: James Gorny, Produce Marketing Association

Panelists: Samir Assar, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
DeAnn Davis, Earthbound
Walter Ram, Giumarra Companies

9:45 am – 10:15 am Break

10:15 am – 11:00 am **Stakeholder Value Session – Growers**

Moderators: Drew McDonald, Taylor Farms
Bob Whitaker, Produce Marketing Association

Panelists: Sharan Lanini, Pacific International Marketing
Robert Sakata, Sakata Farms
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11:00 am – 11:45 am TBA

11:45 am – 12:15 pm **Lightning Sessions** – A view of things to come: these lightning sessions will explore exciting new pathogen testing technologies, an emerging class of pathogen indicators, and touch on the phenomena of viable but nonculturable bacteria and why they may or may not be an important food safety consideration.

- *Significance of the dormant state in the persistence, interaction with growing plants and virulence of Shiga toxin–producing Escherichia coli.* Keith Warriner, University of Guelph
- *Detection, validation, and assessment of risks implied by the viable but non-culturable (VNBC) state of enteric bacterial pathogens in fresh produce.* Xiaonan Lu, University of British Columbia
- Enteric viruses as new indicators of human and cattle fecal contamination of irrigation waters. Kelly Bright, University of Arizona
- *Rapid bacterial testing for on-farm sampling.* Sam Nugen, Cornell University
- *Developing cross-assembly phage as a viral indicator for irrigation waters.* Kyle Bibby, University of Pittsburgh

Moderator: Jill Dunlop, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Packinghouse/Supply Chain food safety – The ongoing debate on the application of food safety regulations to packinghouses has simultaneously fueled the need to expand our knowledge base on pathogen transference and wash water control in these environments. This session will focus on these areas and highlight key findings in supply chain-wide management of contamination risks.

- *Factors that influence the introduction, fate and mitigation of foodborne pathogens on mangoes throughout the production chain.* Michelle Danyluk, University of Florida
- *Impact of wash water disinfectants on Salmonella enterica transfer and survival in mango packing facility water tank operations.* Mary Anne Amalaradjou, University of Connecticut
- *Control of cross-contamination during field-pack and retail handling of cantaloupe.* Laura Strawn, Virginia Tech
- *Validation of chlorine level in sanitation systems to avoid cross-contamination.* Qin Wang, University of Maryland

Moderator: Joan Rosen, JC Rosen Resources

Panelists: Bill Gerlach, Melissa’s Produce
Manuel Michel, National Mango Board
Max Teplitski, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

Stakeholder Value Session – Packing

Moderators: Drew McDonald, Taylor Farms
Bob Whitaker, Produce Marketing Association

Panelists: Tony DiMare, DiMare Fresh
Steve Kenfield, HMC Farms
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4:15 pm – 4:45 pm

Lightning Round – CPS Funded Research Projects

- *Characterization and mitigation of bacteriological risks associated with packing fresh-market citrus.* Linda Harris, University of California, Davis
- *Evaluation of sanitizing treatments for sizer carriers in stone fruit packinghouses.* Steven Pao, California State University, Fresno
- *Control of Listeria monocytogenes on apple through spray manifold–applied antimicrobial intervention.* Meijun Zhu, Washington State University
- *Listeria monocytogenes growth and survival on peaches and nectarines as influenced by stone fruit packinghouse operation, storage and transportation conditions.* Mary Anne Amalaradjou, University of Connecticut

Moderator: Stacy Stoltenberg, Hygiene

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Closing Comments

Wednesday, June 21

- 8:00 am – 8:20 am Welcome back
- 8:20 am – 9:50 am **Validation** – One of the hallmarks of the final FSMA regulations is the need to validate key processes or practices employed to manage food safety hazards. Effective validation requires basic knowledge regarding the survivability and persistence of human pathogens and likely the use of surrogates that permit evaluations under actual industry conditions. This session will help stakeholders develop insight into the development of surrogate strains and how they can be used across the production spectrum.
- *Comparative genomics analysis and physiological assessment of the avirulent Salmonella surrogate relevant to food safety.* Julie Meyer, University of Florida
 - *Establishing die-off rates of surrogate and virulent EHEC/STEC strains from strawberry and cilantro surfaces: time, inoculum dose and chemical intervention.* Eduardo Gutierrez-Rodriguez, North Carolina State University
 - *Validating a physically heat-treated process for poultry litter in industry settings using the avirulent Salmonella surrogates or indicator microorganisms.* Xiuping Jiang, Clemson University
 - *Improving pasteurization validation methods for pistachio processing.* Bradley Marks, Michigan State University
- Moderator:** James Brennan, SmartWash Solutions
Panelists: Kent Kise, Ready Pac
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- 9:50 am – 10:10 am Student Grant Recipients
- 10:10 am – 10:40 am Break
- 10:40 am – 11:25 am **Stakeholder Value Session – Processing**
Moderators: Drew McDonald, Taylor Farms
Bob Whitaker, Produce Marketing Association
- Panelists:** Suresh De Costa, Lipman Produce
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- 11:25 am – 11:45 am **Lightning Round** –
- *Cyclospora: Potential reservoirs and occurrence in irrigation waters.* Gerardo Lopez, University of Arizona
 - *Establishment of operating standards for produce wash systems through the identification of specific metrics and test methods.* Ana Allende, CEBAS CSIC, Spain
 - *Resolving postharvest harborage sites of Listeria protects zone 1 surfaces.* Trevor Suslow, University of California, Davis

- *Remotely-sensed and field-collected hydrological, landscape and meteorological data can predict the quality of surface water used for produce production.* Martin Wiedmann, Cornell University

Moderator: Mike Villaneva, California Leafy Greens Marketing Program

11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Hot Topics – Understanding what a positive STEC result means, determining effective ways to control Lm, quantifying the importance of parasites as a produce safety issue, and gaining insights into the role the physiological state of a pathogen may play in conducting validation experiments are at the cutting edge of food safety challenges. The programs in this final session will provide emerging data on these topics and commentary on how the industry can best apply this information. CPS Funded Research Projects:

- *Rapid tests to specifically differentiate clinically significant from environmental STEC towards reducing unnecessary crop destruction.* Trevor Suslow, University of California, Davis
- *Evaluation of the efficacy of antimicrobial agents to prevent the transfer of *Listeria monocytogenes* from existing biofilms to produce or processing surfaces.* Rolf Joerger, University of Delaware
- *Methods for detection of diverse parasites on packaged salads based on (viable) oocysts.* Stefan Wuertz, University of California, Davis
- *Pathogen physiological state has a greater effect on outcomes of challenge and validation studies than strain diversity.* Martin Wiedmann, Cornell University

Moderator: Tiffiani Miller, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs

Panelists: Jennifer McEntire, United Fresh Produce Association
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2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Stakeholder Value Session – Buyers

Moderators: Drew McDonald, Taylor Farms
Bob Whitaker, Produce Marketing Association

Panelists: Mike Spinazzola, DRS International
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3:45 pm – 4:30 pm

Key Learnings -

4:30 pm – 4:45 pm

Closing Comments