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**Agenda posted for June 28 Produce Research Symposium in Orlando**

Davis, California. May 3, 2011--The latest food safety findings from the Center for Produce Safety's (CPS) research program will be presented and discussed at the 2011 CPS Produce Research Symposium in Orlando, FL. The agenda reflects the center's produce-specific research mission to sponsor short-term research with real-world applications to help answer industry's most pressing food safety questions. The symposium is designed for a global audience, and is equally relevant to industry, government, the public health community and academia.

**Agenda combines research with real-world discussion**

The symposium is organized into five sessions. The first four sessions will begin with research presentations on a common topic, followed by a moderator-led discussion by panelists hailing from both the private and public sectors. (For full details on the topics and presenting researchers, visit [the CPS website](#).)

Session I features findings of three new research studies on postharvest approaches to minimizing pathogen contamination. Session II addresses pathogen survival and mitigations in production environments, and features four research presentations. Session III focuses on the challenges and opportunities associated with "mining" food safety data from industry and government surveillance programs to assess fresh produce risks. Session IV covers novel approaches to understanding interactions between human pathogens and fresh produce, and includes four research presentations.

The final unique Session V features a dynamic panel discussion encompassing broad representation from across the produce supply chain and regulatory agencies. Moderated by Mike Stuart of Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, this panel seeks to promote an expansive dialogue on produce safety research, future opportunities, the role of public/private partnerships and how to employ research findings within the produce industry.

Register online through June 27, or onsite on June 28 at the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate. Registration includes continental breakfast, buffet lunch and a closing reception. Discounted lodging rates at the resort are available until June 3 (2pm Pacific time); see the CPS event website for details. For more information about the program and registration packages – including early savings deadlines –visit the [CPS website](#).

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