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CPS Welcomes New Board Members

Davis, California, July 10, 2012 - The Center for Produce Safety (CPS) Advisory Board welcomes four new board members. Stephen Patricio, president of Westside Produce and CPS Advisory Board chair stated, "CPS' strength is the collaboration of industry, government and academia coming together to identify produce food safety knowledge gaps. We are honored to add these individuals to our board. They bring a broad range of produce food safety knowledge and experience to the center. "

Incoming board members:

Jennifer Biringer

South Coast Project Director, The Nature Conservancy

Christopher R. Braden, M.D.

Captain USPHS, Director of the Division of Foodborne, Waterborne and Environmental Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Jorge Hernandez

Senior Vice President, Food Safety and Quality, US Foods

Jim Lemke

Senior Vice President, Sourcing, C.H. Robinson

A complete list of board members may be found on the [CPS website](#).

Retiring from the board are Rob Atwill, director, Western Institute for Food Safety and Security, University of California, Davis; Edo Chalutz, executive director, US-Israel Binational Agricultural Research and Development Fund (BARD); Belinda Morris, regional director, Center for Conservation Incentives, Environmental Defense Fund; Bennie Osburn, dean emeritus, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis; Liz Spence, associate project director, North Coast region, The Nature Conservancy.

About CPS

The Center for Produce Safety is focused exclusively on providing the produce industry and government with open access to the actionable information needed to continually enhance the safety of produce. Established by public and private partnership at the University of California, Davis, CPS funds original research; has created a searchable database of global produce safety research; and is developing industry training and outreach programs. Initial funding for CPS was provided by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the University of California, Produce Marketing Association and Taylor Farms. For more information, visit <http://cps.ucdavis.edu>.