

# Extension Food Safety

Status: NIFA REVIEW

## Project Director

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## Organization Project Number

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## Accession Number

7002179

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10/01/2020

## Organization

University of Massachusetts

## To Project / Program

"Extension Food Safety"

## Primary Critical Issue

Food Safety and Functionality

## Fiscal Year

2022

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### In 2-3 sentences, briefly describe the issue or problem that your project addresses.

The Food Safety Extension program has been able to continue to provide technical support and educational programming. However, participation and program evaluation assessments continue to be lower than in years past attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. We continuously pivot our approach to maximize our outreach efforts but this has continued to be a challenge

### Briefly describe in non-technical terms how your major activities helped you achieve, or make significant progress toward, the goals and objectives described in your non-technical summary.

Our major activities have helped to achieve our goals as we have been able to reach a broader audience through enhance online content offerings and online training activities.

### Briefly describe how your target audience benefited from your project's activities.

Our program evaluations suggest that our stakeholder that have attend our programs have enhanced thier knowledge and participants indicate that the intend to or have adopted improved food safety practices.

### Briefly describe how the broader public benefited from your project's activities.

By providing effective technical support and educational support to producers and processors, we enable better food safety practices that then helps to reduce the incidence of food borne illness to the general public (all consumers)

### Comments (optional)

Additional outputs worth noting was that we published 5 new open access modules for other STEM outreach coordinators to use with youth that include: a user guide, an instructor guide, product supply inventory and video tutorials demonstrating each activity.

- Delivered best practice webinars to producers and processors (3) 32 participants 12male/20 female
- Development Meetings of the Northeast Center to Advance Food Safety (NECAFS) regional center to provide technical support and education to small and medium producers and processors that are impacted by FSMA. (24) - 100 adult participants
- Delivered a training and TTT specific to Product Development for new food entrepreneurs (2) 19 participants 8 male 11 female
- Lead instructed Preventive Controls related workshops (2) 23 participants 13 male/11 female
- Submitted grants for integrated research and extension activities (8)
- Shared research results related to food safety practices for leafy green drying (DIY washing machines) (3) 100 participants
- Delivered food science themed STEM activities to youth (21) 213 youth participants 2 male/211 female
- Technical support sessions with local producers and processors (18) 10 male/8 female