



Food Safety News From....
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Making Yavapai County A Safer Place To Eat
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Yavapai County Food Safety Industry Council Update

By Chad Hetherwick, MS, RD, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension

The Yavapai County Food Safety Industry Council (FSIC) has been working diligently toward "Making Yavapai County a safer place to eat." The FSIC is comprised of 15 members appointed by the Board of Supervisors who act in an advisory capacity to the Yavapai County Community Health Services, Environmental Health Division and the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension to address food safety concerns in Yavapai County.

Recent accomplishments by the FSIC include:

- Completed the "wash your hands campaign" by providing 10,000 hand washing stickers to food establishments.
- Provided advice regarding recent changes in the Yavapai County Health Code.
- Provided input regarding the food handler certification program.
- Currently advising on the development of a food safety award system for food establishments.

The Food Safety Industry Council meets every other month, rotating between Prescott and Cottonwood.

Meetings are open to the public, so come and let your voice be heard!

If you are interested in learning more about the FSIC, attending a meeting, or becoming a member please contact Chad Hetherwick at 928-445-6590 ext. 228 or e-mail at chetherw@ag.arizona.edu.

BioSecurity Vulnerability Assessment

By Brian Supalla, MPH, Yavapai County Community Health Services, Environmental Health Division

Recently the Environmental Health office sent information to selected food establishments on how to complete a Food Biosecurity Vulnerability assessment.

Food security covers the prevention of all dangerous agents into food or beverages. These can include chemical, radiological, and physical objects. Prevention is the key to food security, since it deals with intentional introduction of a substance into food. This differs from the norm of food safety, which deals with unintentional contamination of food. If you would like information sent to you, call 771-3149.

If after reading the brochure, you would like to participate in seeing how secure your establishment is in the food security arena, Environmental Health has checklists that can be filled out called Vulnerability Assessments.

Please be assured that your business will be the only one to complete and review the assessment. Another party will not review it unless you feel you could use help in some areas that may be lacking. You can complete the assessment on your own, or if you prefer, Environmental Health staff is available to provide confidential assistance in completing the Vulnerability Assessment. You can contact your local health inspector to arrange this. There is no charge for this service. Also, you can contact the Arizona Department of Health Services Food BioSecurity Specialist, Brigitte Dufour, at (602) 364-3130.

Background information and guidance for food security prevention measures can be found at www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/secgui11.html.



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Other Recognized Manager Certification Training and Exam Options (Prices vary).

Arizona Restaurant Association:
ServSafe® (602) 307-9134

Experior Assessments (800) 200-6241

National Registry of Food Safety Professionals (800) 330-3776

Training Achievement Program
(Home Study) 1-888-826-5222

Certifying Board for Dietary Managers
(800) 323-1908

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Prescott: (928) 445-6589 or 771-3385
Cottonwood: (928) 639-8100x3385
Ash Fork : (928) 637-2390x3385
Bagdad: (928) 633-2169x3385
Black Canyon City: (928) 374-5202x3385
Seligman: (928) 422-3426x3385
Yarnell: (928) 427-3895x3385

**UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
FOOD SAFETY MANAGER WORKSHOP &
CERTIFICATION EXAM**

Available Dates and Locations

COTTONWOOD:

County Building, 10 South Sixth St.
Second Floor Conference Room

DATES: May 10, Jun 7, Jul 12

TIME: 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

PRESCOTT

U.A. Cooperative Extension Office
840 Rodeo Dr., Building C

DATES: May 3, Jun 14, Jul 19

TIME: 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Registration Information

You must register 2 weeks before the date you select. To register for a workshop call the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension at 445-6590 or 771-3385. The cost for the workshop and exam is \$70. This cost includes the workshop, materials, and exam. **Prepayment is required and there are no refunds.**

Make check/money order payable to University of Arizona and mail to:

The University of Arizona Food Safety Program, 840 Rodeo Dr., Building C, Prescott, AZ 86305.

Indicate the date of the workshop you want to attend, your name, address and phone number.

Upon receipt of your payment, you will receive study materials. You must **study the materials before** you come to the workshop in order to successfully pass the exam.

About The Workshop & Exam

The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Food Safety Manager Workshop and Certification Exam workshop consists of a three hour exam preparation workshop (8:30-11:30), one half hour for questions and review (11:30-12:00), and two hours for the certification exam (12:00-2:00).

The exam is developed and provided by Experior Assessments, LLC. Completed exams are sent to Experior for processing. Experior sends the certificates and/or results directly to participants. Those who pass the exam are nationally recognized by the Conference for Food Protection as Certified Professional Food Managers.

For further information contact:
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**UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
SPANISH FOOD HANDLER'S TRAINING CLASSES**

Cost:

\$10 for 1-year card
\$15 for 2-year card
\$20 for 3-year card
Free for volunteers

Dates and Locations:

PRESCOTT: U.A. Cooperative Extension
840 Rodeo Dr., Building C
Every Wednesday at 9:00 AM

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