

MCAFDO 2024 Educational Conference

The MCAFDO Conference agenda has been pre-approved for 11 contact hours of continuing education (CE) through the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). A CE completion record form is available upon request.

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	MCAFDO Board Meeting and Dinner
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TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

Moderator: Hunter Galusha

8:00 am – 9:00 am	BREAKFAST – (ON YOUR OWN)
9:00 am - 11:15 am	Heartland Food Safety Roundtable – Lenora Howard, Conagra Brands, & Melanie Harris, Casey's General Stores & Inc.
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	REGISTRATION
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Call to Order & Welcome Hunter Galusha - MCAFDO President, Nebraska Department of Agriculture Sherry Vinton, Director, Nebraska Department of Agriculture
12:30 pm – 1:10 pm	Association of Food & Drug Officials Update – Katherine Simon, AFDO President, Minnesota Department of Agriculture & Feed Safety
1:10 pm – 2:00 pm	Getting great things out of mixed microbes: Kombucha and others – Heather Hallen-Adams, Associate Professor of Practice, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	FSMA Traceability Rule – Melinda Hayman, Consumer Safety Officer, Food & Drug Association (virtual)
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	BREAK

Moderator: Davonna Koebrick

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Freeze Drying & Potential Food Safety Challenges – Mary-Grace Danao, Research Associate Professor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
4:15 pm – 4:35 pm	The Produce Safety Rule as it applies to the Food Chain – Rene Nieto, Texas Department of Agriculture & Justin McConaghy, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture
4:35 pm – 4:50 pm	MCAFDO Business Meeting and Awards Presentation
4:50 pm – 5:00 pm	CLOSING REMARKS & MEETING ADJOURN

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024	
Moderator: Angela Kohls	
7:00 am – 8:00 am	BREAKFAST (ON YOUR OWN)
8:00 am – 8:10 am	Announcements
8:10 am – 9:10 am	AFDO Performance Matrix – Steven Mandernach, Executive Director, Association of Food and Drug Officials
9:10 am – 10:15 am	FDA’s food labeling requirements and updates – Lynn Szybist, Director, Division of Food Labeling and Standards (virtual)
10:15 am – 10:30 am	BREAK
10:30 am – 11:00 am	FBI Outbreak Investigation Process – Thao Schlichte, Iowa Food Emergency Rapid Response Team Coordinator
11:00 am – 12:00 am	Hydroponics: Dual Jurisdiction Challenges – Bart Hawcroft, Missouri Department of Agriculture Produce Safety
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH - PROVIDED
Moderator: Lori Woznicki	
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Behavior-based communication skills: a practical approach using DiSC framework – Art Wilson, Executive Business Coach
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Recalls in Retail – Past, Present, and Future – Ellen Ciarimboli, Director, Hy-Vee Retail Compliance & Food Protection, Kyle Oberender, Director, Supply Chain Food Protection & Compliance
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	BREAK (ANNOUNCE SILENT AUCTION WINNERS)
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Managing Chemical Risks in the Food Supply Chain: An Industry View – Margaret Pandis, Senior Regulatory Affairs Specialist/Toxicologist, Conagra Brands
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	State Updates - Unique Regulatory Challenges Panel & Discussion – Caitlyn Andrews (NE), Scott Platt (IA), Davonna Koebrick (TX), Mark Jenkerson (MO), Lenora Howard (Conagra)
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	AFDO STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION - Steven Mandernach, Executive Director, Association of Food and Drug Officials
4:45 pm – 4:55 pm	New MCAFDO President
4:55 pm – 5:15 pm	CLOSING REMARKS, PAY FOR SILENT AUCTION, AND MEETING ADJOURN

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