

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program – Final Report



Project Title:	Food Safety Management Act and Food Safety Training for the Specialty Crop Industry
Project Duration:	Start Date: 11/1/18 End Date: 10/31/20

The specialty crop industry can enhance competitiveness by ensuring compliance to the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). This project will support California's Central Valley specialty crop industry with adoption of FSMA requirements and related food safety methodologies by providing affordable food safety training.

The local specialty crop industry has difficulty attending food safety training as these trainings are offered in the larger cities and require out of town travel that is costly and disruptive to business operations.

College of the Sequoias has experience delivering value-added, local, convenient, and affordable FSMA and food safety related training. The project's aim is to reach the local specialty crop industry including the workforce on farms, in packing houses, and in food processing plants.

The project will measure success by the number of individuals completing the training and the increased level of food safety skills knowledge. That is, 400 individuals learned about prevention, detection, control, and intervention food safety practices and 350 of those individuals increased their food safety skills and knowledge.

Accomplishments

- **434 individuals learned about prevention, detection, control, and intervention food safety practices.**
- **316 individuals increased their food safety skills and knowledge.**