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Congratulations to the AFDO Membership Renewal Contest Winners!!

Grand Prize Winner

Tenesha Stubblefield, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals: One Full-Package to 2019 Conference in Atlanta, GA.

2nd Place Winner

Laurel Arrigona, Ceutical Laboratories, Inc: \$100 worth of AFDO Publications

3rd Place Winner

Charlie Kalish, Food Safety Guides: One free ticket to any 2019 Conference

It's not too late - Nominate someone for an AFDO Award!

Krystal Reed, AFDO Association Manager, explains the ease and value of recognizing people through a series of awards given out at the upcoming AFDO annual education conference. **Nominations are due April 1.**

AFDO's awards are presented annually at the Annual Educational Conference during the Wiley Award banquet. The awards are administered by the Awards Committee Chair, with subcommittees for the Wiley and Associate Member that are chaired by the immediate past recipient.

The AFDO Board of Directors has increased the amount of each of the scholarship awards to \$2500 beginning with the 2019 awards. Each is awarded annually to qualified undergraduate students in their third year of study.

Here's a list of each AFDO Award:

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[Scholarship](#)

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Colorado Division of Criminal Justice Publishes Report on Impacts of Marijuana Legalization in Colorado

The legalization of Cannabis related products is becoming one of the fastest growing areas of regulatory focus in the United States. Multiple State legislatures are seeing activities to legalize the production of Marijuana and to regulate related activities such as the growing of Hemp and the production of Cannabidiol (CBD).

Research and Statistics published “Impacts on Marijuana Legalization in Colorado” which is a report that compiles and analyzes data on marijuana-related topics including crime, impaired driving, hospitalizations, and ER visits, usage rates, effects on youth, and more.

“This is exactly the kind of data collection we need to inform our regulatory and law enforcement framework,” said Governor John Hickenlooper. “We now have that ever-critical baseline from which we can spot trends so Colorado’s leaders understand where our efforts are succeeding and identify areas where we need to focus additional research, resources or even new policy.”

[Colorado Division of Criminal Executive Summary of his report](#)

AFDO Conference Registration Open!

The AFDO Conference is getting closer, make sure to [register!](#)

The conference draft agenda contains a lot of educational and exciting sessions! [Check out the agenda now](#) and register for the conference! Workshops and committee meetings will be held on June 22 and 23, 2019. These are open to all attendees, please plan to attend!

For hotel information or to book your room for the conference: [Hotel Information](#)
We hope to see all of you in Atlanta in June!

Better Process Control School 2019

The Better Process Control Schools (BPCS) certify supervisors of thermal processing systems and container closure evaluation programs for low-acid canned foods. Each processor of low-acid canned foods must operate with a certified supervisor in accordance with 21 CFR 113.10.

FDA's regulations in 21 CFR 108, 113, and 114 became effective May 15, 1979. These regulations are designed to prevent public health problems in low-

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been tailored to meet requirements for low-acid canned food producers.

SPA Members \$500.00 per person.

Non Members \$650.00 per person.

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3-Day Basic Seafood HACCP 2019

The Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) training course developed by the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) and the Seafood HACCP Alliance provides uniform, cost effective training to assist the seafood industry and related government inspectors.

SPA Members \$350.00 per person.

Non Members \$450.00 per person.

Registration includes AFDO certificate of course completion, lunch, refreshments, HACCP Training Curriculum (6th Edition; May 2017), FDA Hazard Guide (4th Edition; April 2011), supplies and handouts.

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NCAAFDO Scholarship Award

The North Central Association of Food and Drug Officials is giving out scholarship awards to attend the NCAAFDO meeting that will be held at the Food

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Meeting. This year's meeting will be held on Monday, May 6 and Tuesday, May 7 in conjunction with the Food Safety Summit. [See more information](#)

We will be able to fund a limited number of representatives at this meeting. Applications are due by April 1, 2019.

[Apply Now](#)

Water Testing Requirements under the FSMA Produce Safety Rule

Monday, April 15 | 1:00–2:00 pm ET

DESCRIPTION

According to the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, fresh produce and sprout growers are required to test samples of agricultural water and spent sprout irrigation water respectively. Join this webinar to learn how testing requirements for these water samples may be different from those of more traditional laboratory clients; regulatory sampling and water quality requirements that apply; and acceptable analysis methods.

[Online Registration](#)

[Webinar Flyer](#)

AUDIENCE

Water analysis laboratory personnel, or anyone else involved in sampling and analysis of agricultural water samples from fresh produce farms and spent irrigation water from sprout operations. The intended audience could include public health and private laboratory scientists, federal, state and local health and environmental officials and practitioners, and other organizations that engage with and support analytical needs for the fresh produce and sprout industry.

REGISTRATION — **REGISTER NOW!**

- **Registration is free!**

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240.485.2727 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm ET.

- Registration for a recording of this program will be available after the live event.
- For program content information, please email webinar@aphl.org.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Robyn Randolph at 240.485.2732 or robyn.randolph@aphl.org.

Basic Level "Gen Ed" Courses

These eLearning Courses serve as the basic level of the Integrated Food Safety System Food Protection Professionals Curriculum Framework. [Check them out on the AFDO Site!](#)

Call for Nominees to Chair the CASP Microbiology Working Group

The Cannabis Analytical Science Program (CASP) has formed a microbiology working group to develop conformity standards, identify reference and testing materials, recommend educational workshops and outreach programs.

Nominees should be able to facilitate meetings and achieve consensus among groups of scientists; as well as have a working knowledge of microbiology laboratory procedures and methods; and AOAC programs and procedures. Knowledge of methods for detection and measurement of micro-organisms is desired. It is expected that the working group will meet by conference call an average of twice a month, and an in-person meeting in Denver, Colorado, USA on Saturday Sept 7, 2019. We are also considering co-chairs if time commitment is an issue. You may nominate yourself.

If you are interested, or know some who should be considered, please submit a CV to Scott Coates, Senior Director, AOAC Research Institute, at scoates@aoac.org

Fraud Webinar!

This **FREE** one-hour IAFP webinar is the second in a series of five on "Challenges Identified Over the Past Year with Food Fraud Implementation & Best Practices."

Part 2 will focus on three important areas of risk mitigation and present strategies for effectively managing supplier relationships to reduce the risk of food fraud in your supply chain.

When?

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

12:00 p.m. (U.S. Central Time)

[Read more or register](#)



Solutions *for* **TODAY**
Planning *for* **TOMORROW**

Register for the Food Safety Summit!

The Food Safety Summit will be held in Rosemont, IL from May 6-9, 2019.

[Register or learn more about the agenda!](#)

AFDO members receive **15% off** any Summit Package. Use code:

FSS19AFDO during registration to receive the member discount.



NCAAFDO Meeting at the Food Safety Summit

NCAAFDO Meeting to be held in conjunction with Food Safety Summit

NCAAFDO Meeting Dates:

Monday, May 6, 2019 - 1:00PM - 5:00PM

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 - 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Topics to include:

- Updates on implementation of Preventive Control inspections by FDA and state programs
- FDA retail program update
- Building stakeholder relationships to enhance food safety
- Major outbreaks in the north central region including cyclospora
- Partners with a Common Purpose
- Food fraud and food defense or foodborne outbreaks in the news

[View the flyer](#) for more information or to register!



AFDOSS Scholarship Award

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our great members who served as Secretary/Treasurer for our regional affiliate for 30 years. Mrs. Logan, who is now retired, worked 39 years with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.

This scholarship in the amount of \$4,500 is designed to be awarded to top students who have demonstrated a desire to serve in a career of research, regulatory work, quality control, or teach in an area related to some aspect of foods, drugs or consumer product safety. Student candidates should have demonstrated leadership capabilities and must have at least a 3.0 grade point average. [View more information...](#)

[View Criteria for applying](#)

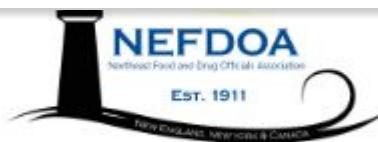
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AFDO Continuing Education Tuition Reimbursement Awards

In 2017, AFDO established a non-traditional continuing education tuition reimbursement fund to be awarded annually to worthy officials who are currently employed at a state, local, tribal, or territorial government agency and are returning to college or continuing their education to benefit the food and/or drug safety arena. Each award amount is not to exceed \$1500 and is not renewable.

All applications must be received by **April 15 of the current year** to be considered for the current year's award.

Apply Now!



NEFDOA Save-the-Date

What: 2019 NEFDOA Annual Educational Conference

When: May 14-16, 2019

Location: The Hotel Northampton, Northampton, MA

Please see the [NEFDAO Events Page](#) or contact [Pattie Kaczynski](#) for further details

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FDA News



FDA In Brief: FDA announces enforcement discretion to accommodate unique circumstances faced by producers of hops, wine grapes, pulse crops and almonds while continuing to protect the public health

Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a final guidance stating the agency's intent to exercise enforcement discretion for the requirements of the [Produce Safety Rule](#), part of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), as they apply to entities growing, harvesting, packing and holding wine grapes,

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Other Training Opportunities



Preventive Controls for Human Foods and Foreign Supplier Verification Programs

Preventive Controls for Human Foods Course (PCQI)

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Foreign Supplier Verification Programs Course (FSVP)

[Course Information](#)



EAS Consulting Group Training

[Regulatory, Technical and Formulations for New Infant Formula Notifications Challenges and Opportunities](#)

April 2, 2019

[Webinar: Qualified Individual under FSVP](#)

April 3, 2019

[Ensuring Regulatory Compliance of GMP Laboratories](#)

April 23, 2019

[Do your Dietary Supplements Comply with FSMA Requirements?](#)

April 16, 2019

[Dietary Supplement Good Manufacturing Practices \(GMP\) Compliance](#)

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Philadelphia, PA

[May 7, 2019](#)

Denton, TX

[August 13, 2019](#)

Andover, MA

[November 12, 2019](#)

Long Island, NY

News

[Alexandria, VA: EAS Partners with Vitafoods Europe for Dietary Supplement GMP Training](#)

Laws and Regulations Committee Updates

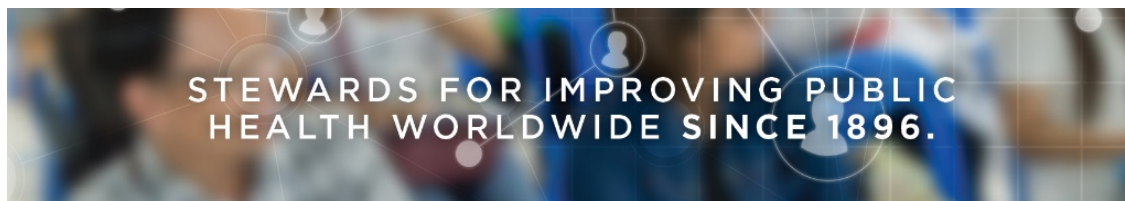
Laws and Regulations Committee Update

A collection of current food, drug, device, and consumer product regulatory issues and news

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