

# Food Safety Research Consortium

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## Prioritizing Opportunities to Reduce Foodborne Illness

### FSRC National Conference September 14, 2005

Resources for the Future  
First Floor Conference Center  
1616 P Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20036

#### Purpose

This conference is part of a project being undertaken by The Food Safety Research Consortium (FSRC) to develop a conceptual framework for prioritizing opportunities to reduce foodborne illness. The conference will present a proposed conceptual framework and highlight the methodological and data challenges involved in risk-based priority setting and resource allocation. It will also provide a forum for comment and discussion among a broad spectrum of food safety experts and stakeholders. The conference builds on project workshops convened by Iowa State University, the University of Georgia, and the University of Massachusetts. The project is funded by USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES).

#### Final Agenda

8:00-8:30 **Registration and Coffee**

8:30-8:40 **Welcome and FSRC Background** – Mike Taylor

8:40-9:00 **Project Overview and Goals of the Conference** – Helen Jensen

9:00-10:30 **A Conceptual Framework and Key Issues** – Helen Jensen (moderator)

- Overview of a conceptual framework – Mike Taylor
- Predicting food safety outcomes and related modeling issues – Glenn Morris
- Identifying and evaluating the effectiveness of interventions – Mike Doyle

- Assessing costs and health benefits of interventions – Julie Caswell
- Clarifying Questions

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:00 **Comments and Perspectives on Food Safety Priority Setting – Panel Discussion** – Cathie Woteki (moderator)

- FDA – Bob Buchanan
- USDA – Janell Kause, FSIS
- CDC – Rob Tauxe
- State health departments – Dale Morse, New York
- Consumers – Caroline Smith DeWaal, CSPI
- Food producers – Liz Wagstrom, National Pork Board
- Food processing industry – Paul Hall, Kraft
- Research community/CSREES – Mary Torrence

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:30 **Priority Setting Experiences** – Ewen Todd (moderator)

- Food safety resource allocation at FDA – Alan Rulis, CFSAN/FDA
- The Dutch experience with priority setting – Marie-Josée Mangen, RIVM/Netherlands
- Targeting interventions in ground beef production – Randy Huffman, AMI
- A policy and international perspective – Tom Billy, former FSIS Administrator and Codex chair
- Questions and Discussion

2:30-2:40 Stretch Break

2:40-4:00 **Open Discussion of Issues and Next Steps** – Mike Taylor (moderator)

4:00-4:15 **Wrap Up**

- What have we heard? – Glenn Morris, Julie Caswell, Mike Doyle
- Next steps for the project and FSRC – Helen Jensen, Mike Taylor