

Treefruit/Treenut National Food Safety Research Symposium
May 7, 2008, Bally's Hotel, Bronze 4, Las Vegas, NV

- 8:00 a.m. Welcome and objectives of conference
Linda J. Harris, Jim Gorny, Bob Elliot
- 8:15 a.m. Overview of October Meeting, Bob Elliot
Discussion
- 9:00 a.m. Tomato industry:
Current situation, regulatory overview, progress in prioritization of research,
plans to move forward to fund research
Martha Roberts, University of Florida
- 9:30 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. Lettuce/leafy greens industry:
Current situation, regulatory overview, progress in prioritization of research,
plans to move forward to fund research
Dave Gombas, United Fresh
- 10:30 a.m. Outcomes and action items from October meeting. Charge to breakout groups.
- 10:45 a.m. Common Research Areas/Breakout Groups (identified in first workshop)
1. Establishment of science-based water quality standards.
 - * Research that leads to appropriate standards for foliar, irrigation, processing
 - * Research that leads to an evaluation of the short- and long-term risks to orchard fruit associated with unintentional water (e.g., flood) or weather
 2. Transference Mechanisms
 - * How does transfer occur? (Environment and Crop)
 - Water, Air, Humans, Animals, Dust, Soil Amendments, Surfaces
 3. Microbial Ecology
 - Growth, persistence, survival, of foodborne pathogens in the crop
 - Pre-harvest
 - Post-harvest
 4. Methods to evaluate, validate, and verify post-harvest handling and processing steps that reduce risk.
- 11:30 p.m. Break for lunch (working lunch)
- 12:00 p.m. Breakout groups resume
- 12:30 p.m. Report to larger group (short presentations)
- 1:00 p.m. Next steps.
- 2:00 p.m. Adjourn