

22nd Annual

THE WESTERN FOOD SAFETY CONFERENCE

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FOOD SAFETY CULTURE:
THE FOUNDATION FOR CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

MAY 5-6, 2027 | SHERWOOD HALL, SALINAS

CALL FOR SPEAKERS

2027 WESTERN FOOD SAFETY CONFERENCE

We are now accepting speaker proposals for the **2027 Western Food Safety Conference,** taking place May 5–6 in beautiful Salinas, California. This respected regional conference is known for its strong focus on the **grower, shipper, and processor community,** and its commitment to advancing food safety through **science-based practices, real-world innovation, and collaboration across the supply chain.**

If you have **groundbreaking insights, research findings, practical case studies, or innovative applications** related to food safety, we invite you to submit a proposal. This is your opportunity to set yourself apart as a thought leader while supporting the continued advancement of food safety across the fresh produce industry.

WHO SHOULD APPLY:

We welcome proposals from food safety professionals representing:

- Grower-shippers and fresh-cut processors
- Food manufacturers and suppliers
- Academia and researchers
- Industry associations
- Regulatory agencies
- Technology and solution providers (see vendor note below)

VENDOR PARTICIPATION POLICY:

The Western Food Safety Conference prioritizes educational content. While we do not accept sales-driven presentations, solution providers may participate in panel discussions if the session includes a diverse group of voices—particularly from growers, processors, and regulatory or academic partners—and the content is non-promotional in nature.

TOPICS OF INTEREST INCLUDE:

- Emerging pathogens and risk mitigation strategies
- Data-driven decision making and (FSMA 204, EPCIS, digital tools)
- Innovation in wash water, sanitation, and field-level controls
- Audit readiness & regulatory updates
- Training, workforce development, and safety culture
- Practical applications of new technologies
- Lessons learned from outbreaks, recalls, or investigations
- Water quality, environmental monitoring, and pre-harvest controls

HOW TO SUBMIT:

Please submit your proposal by November 1st using our [online submission form] (or attach the submission form if applicable). Proposals should include:

- Session title and summary (150–250 words)
- Speaker name(s), title(s), and affiliation
- Learning objectives and key takeaways
- Format (solo, co-presented, or panel discussion)

All submissions will be reviewed by the Western Food Safety Conference Planning Committee. Final selection will be based on the proposal's relevance to the grower–shipper–processor community, alignment with the conference theme, and overall contribution to the program. The committee will evaluate each submission for educational value, practical application, and industry need before making final decisions.

The deadline to submit a proposal is November 1, 2026.

We look forward to reviewing your proposals and curating another high-impact, grower-focused program in 2027.

SUBMIT YOUR PRESENTATION PROPOSAL

2027 Western Food Safety Conference
🗓️ May 5–6, 2027 | 📍 Salinas, California
📅 **Submission Deadline: November 1, 2026**
⏰ **Session Length: 45 minutes (including Q&A)**

Please complete the form below to submit your proposal for consideration. All submissions will be reviewed by the Western Food Safety Conference Planning Committee.

1. SESSION TITLE (Limit to 12 words or fewer)

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2. SESSION ABSTRACT (150–250 words. Describe the topic, goals, and what attendees will learn.)

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3. KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES

(List 2–4 actionable takeaways for attendees.)

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4. PROPOSED FORMAT

(Each session is 45 minutes including Q&A. Please select one.)

- ◯ Solo presentation
- ◯ Co-presentation (2 speakers)
- ◯ Panel discussion (3+ speakers)
- ◯ Moderated session

5. SPEAKER INFORMATION

Primary Speaker Name: _____

Title & Organization: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Short Bio (75–100 words): _____

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LinkedIn Profile (optional): _____

6. ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS (IF APPLICABLE)

(Please include names, titles, organizations, & emails for all co-presenters or panelists.)

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7. HAVE YOU PRESENTED AT THE WESTERN FOOD SAFETY CONFERENCE BEFORE?

◯ YES ◯ NO

8. ANY SCHEDULING RESTRICTIONS OR SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS?

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9. OPTIONAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS (Attach links or files: slides, articles, case studies, etc.)

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