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To: NMA Members
From: Rosemary Mucklow, NMA Executive Director
Re: NMA/FSIS HOST HACCP MEETING

NMA will be partnering with the USDA Food Safety & Inspection Service (FSIS) in an industry meeting in Ontario, California on Wednesday, November 2, at 2:00pm.

The meeting is designed to provide a forum for FSIS Administrator Dr. Barbara Masters and Associate Administrator Bryce Quick to hear from industry representatives -- especially those from small and very small plants -- about how the agency can better carry out its food safety and public health mission. The Agency is seeking feedback on the benefits of HACCP and other regulatory requirements. Dr. Masters has stressed that she wants to hear candid comments from the industry about ways to improve the regulatory program.

NMA Executive Director Rosemary Mucklow and NMA Associate Director Ken Mastracchio will join with Masters and Quick in a round-table format discussion. Dr. Neil Westgerdes, FSIS District Manager, Alameda, California, and Dr. Ron Jones, FSIS District Manager, Boulder, Colorado, or a deputy will also be participating.

NMA is very pleased to support this open forum discussion, and strongly encourages the industry to participate. All plants in the two districts that cover California, Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, New Mexico, Nevada, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Utah and Washington are strongly encouraged to send a representative.

To attend, please fax the following information to NMA at (510) 763-6186.

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