



2017

# THE ALMOND CONFERENCE

FOOD SAFETY OUTBREAKS: TOUGH LESSONS LEARNED

Room 314 | December 6 2017



# CEUs – New Process

## Certified Crop Advisor (CCA)

- Sign in and out of each session you attend.
- Pickup verification sheet at conclusion of each session.
- *Repeat this process for each session, and each day you wish to receive credits.*

## Pest Control Advisor (PCA), Qualified Applicator (QA), Private Applicator (PA)

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# AGENDA

- **Van Soetaert**, Baldwin Minkler Farms, moderator
- **Linda Harris**, UC Davis



# Food Safety Outbreaks Case Studies - Tough Lessons Learned

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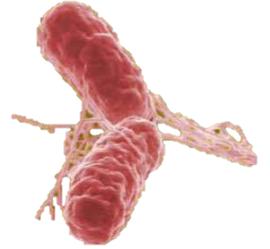
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# Take home messages

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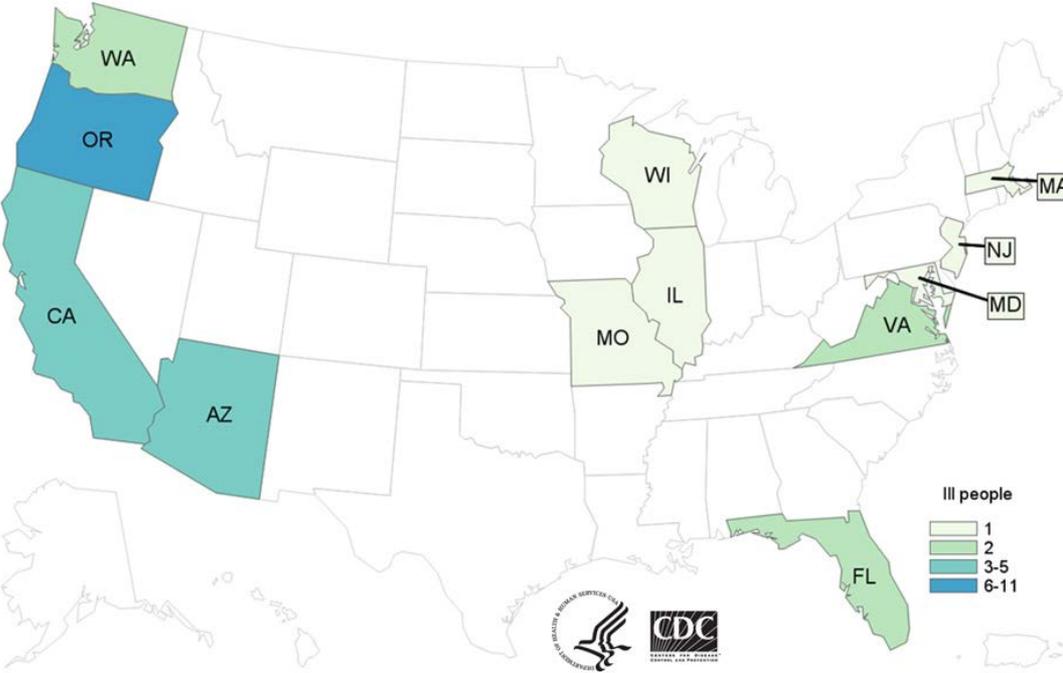
# Outbreak #1

SOYNU T BUTTER- 2017



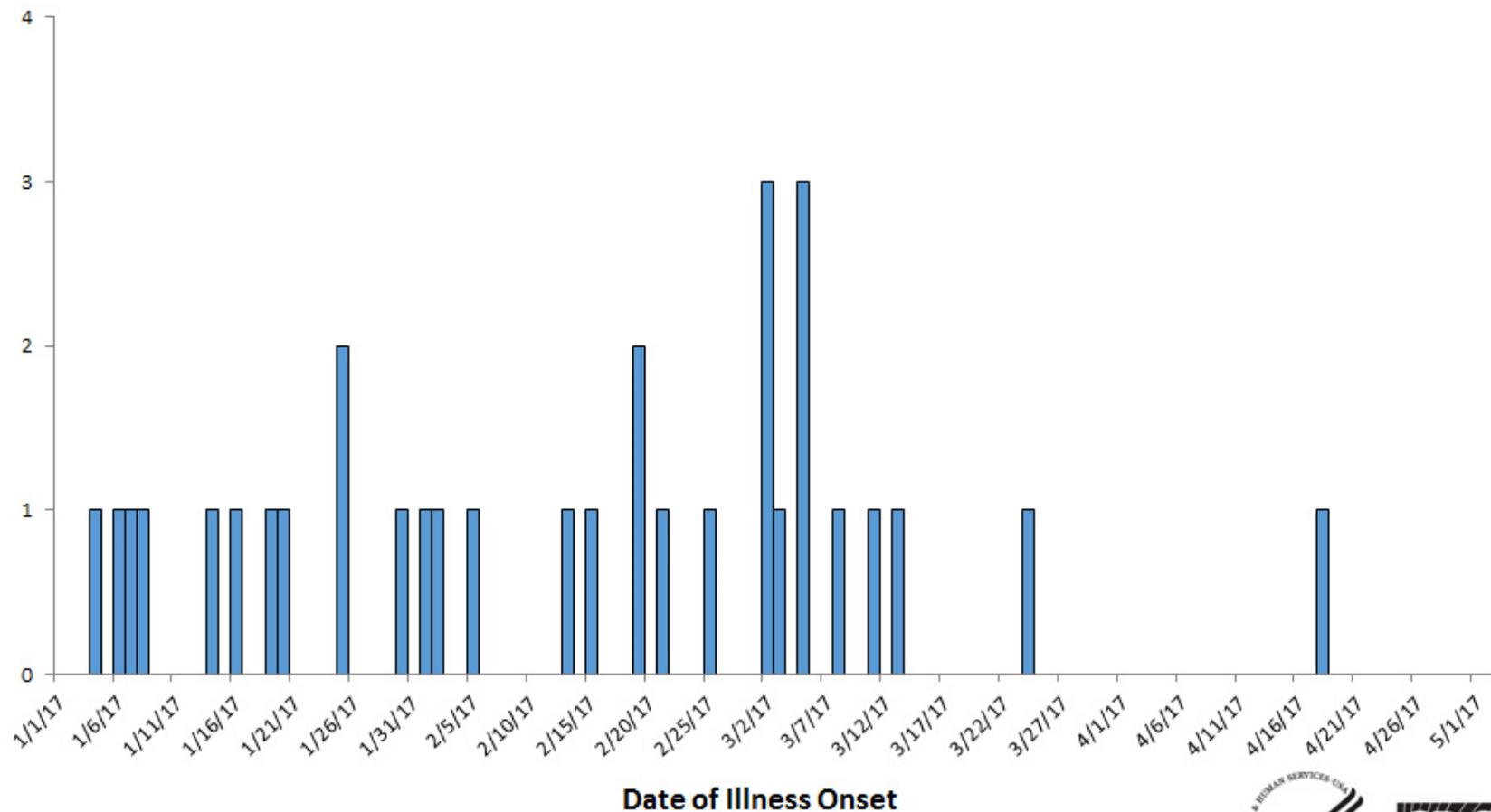
# Soynut Butter 2017 – *E. coli* O157:H7

- January to April 2017
  - 32 cases 12 states
  - 12 people hospitalized, 9 HUS

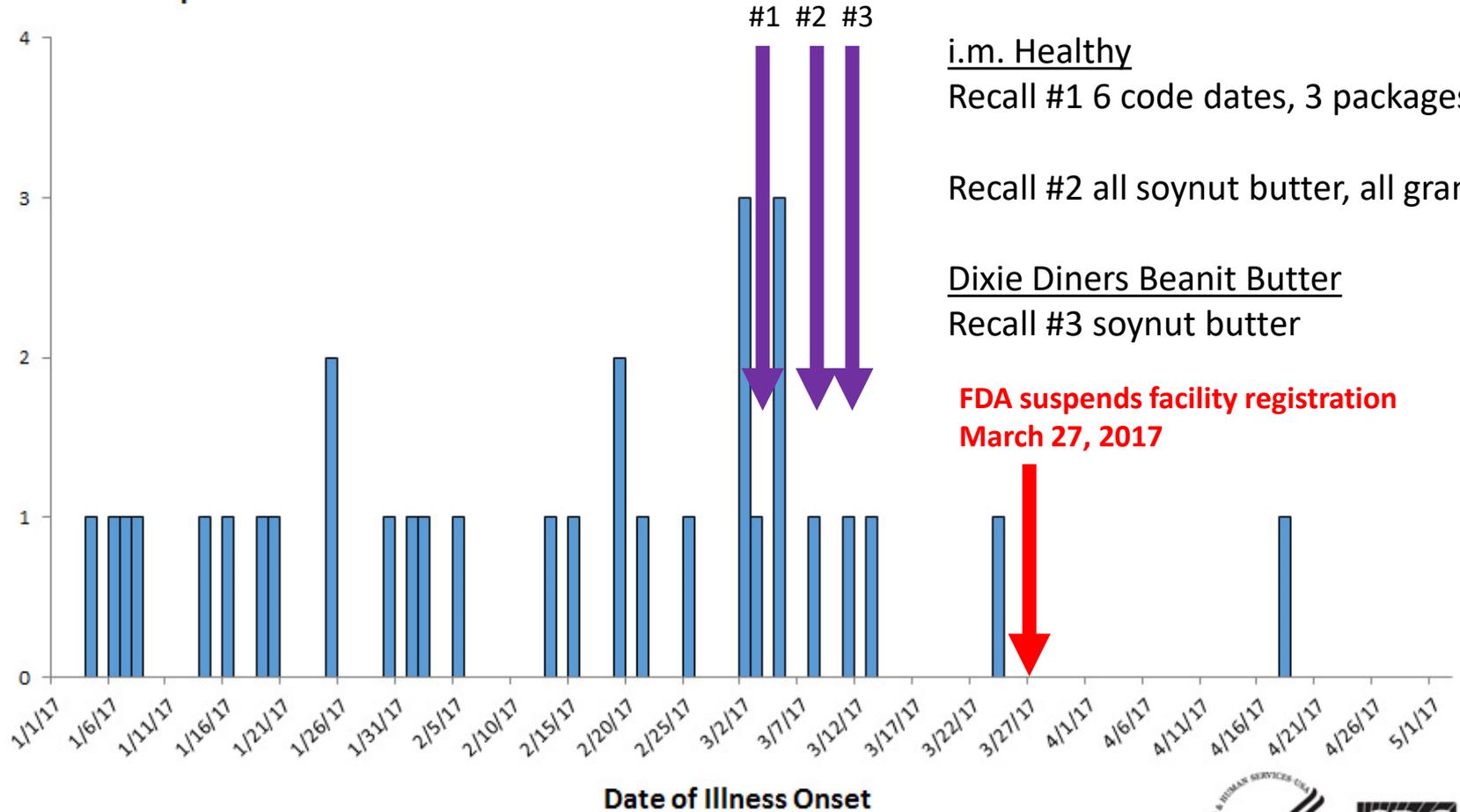




## Number of People



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i.m. Healthy

Recall #1 6 code dates, 3 packages

Recall #2 all soynut butter, all granola

Dixie Diners Beanit Butter

Recall #3 soynut butter

**FDA suspends facility registration  
March 27, 2017**



# 483 Inspection Report

- Water
  - Clear liquid dripping from ceiling
  - Standing water and brown and black filth on floor
- Dust
  - No employee or traffic controls
  - Dust coated equipment



# 483 Inspection Report

- Process Controls
  - Critical equipment daily malfunction
  - Thermometer not calibrated
  - No validated kill step
- Sanitation
  - Soy nut oil tote never cleaned
  - No hot water for handwashing
  - Floors walls and ceilings coated with old soynut butter buildup
  - Employee walking platforms also coated
  - Equipment not disassembled for cleaning and sanitizing for over 15 months
  - No environmental monitoring program
- No lot separation



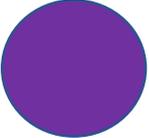
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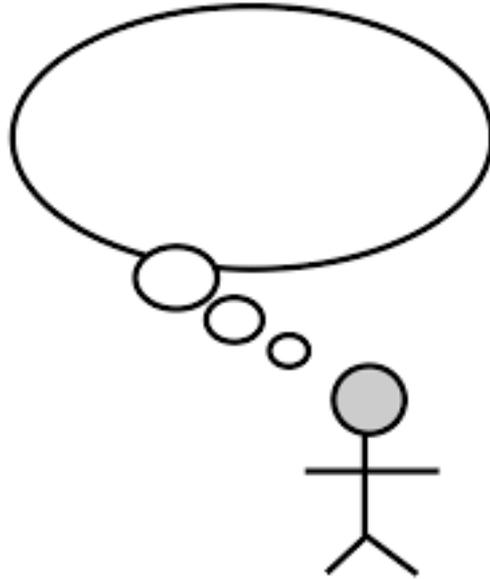


Soynut Butter Company (I.M. Healthy Brand) May 12, 2017

# Lessons Learned

# September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 	4 Labor Day			7	8	9
10	11			14		16
17	18			21		23
24	25			28	29	30



# amazon.com

**Guaranteed delivery date:** **Sept 4, 2017 7** If you order in the next 21 hours and 40 minutes ([Details](#))

Items shipped from Amazon.com



**I.M. Healthy SoyNut Butter, Peanut Free - Unsweetened Creamy - 15 oz (425g) - (Pack of 3)**

**\$47.90** ✓prime

Qty: 1 ▾

Sold by: TheNewMall

 Add a gift receipt

and see other gift options

**Choose your Prime delivery option:**

**Monday, Sept 5**

FREE One-Day Shipping

**Tuesday, Sept 6 6**

FREE Two-Day Shipping

**Thursday, Sept 8**

FREE Standard Shipping

**Monday, Sept 11**

FREE No-Rush Shipping

Get a \$5 reward for Prime Now. [Details](#)



## Delivered today

Package was left inside the residence's mailbox

Sep 4

Shipped

5 pm Sunday September 4  
Las Vegas, NV

Sep 5

Delivered

12 pm Monday September 5 Labor Day  
Davis, CA

NOT codes from initial recall



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## Amazon today removed nut butter recalled in March for E. coli

BY CORAL BEACH | SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Earlier today, Amazon.com was still selling I.M. Healthy soy nut butter that was recalled in March when federal officials traced an E. coli outbreak to the product.

No one from Seattle-based Amazon immediately responded to mid-morning requests for comment from **Food Safety News**, but by 11 a.m. Pacific time, [the recalled peanut butter substitute](#) had been pulled from the retailer's website.

Officials with the Food and Drug Administration are investigating the situation but were not able to provide details as of mid-afternoon.



Although the [outbreak was declared over in May](#) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, that agency's "final" report indicated additional illnesses were expected to be confirmed in relation to consumption of recalled

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IM Healthy Chocolate SoyNut Butter, 15 OZ (Pack of 6)



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## IM Healthy Chocolate SoyNut Butter, 15 OZ (Pack of 6)

Sold by shopGourmet

[Write a Review](#)

\$37.91 | + \$0.76 Cashback

1

Add To Cart

Add to AutoShip and never run out again!

zip code

Calculate



Ordered September 5, 2017





September 26, 2017

Luckys Supermarket Redwood City, CA



October 12, 2017



IM Healthy SoyNut Butter, Chunky, 15 OZ (Pack of 6)

\$40.99

**\$35.21**

Sold by SHOP.COM MarketPlace

+ \$1.76 Cashback

[More options available](#)



IM Healthy SoyNut Butter, Unsweetened, Creamy, 15 OZ (Pack of 6)

\$40.99

**\$35.21**

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IM Healthy SoyNut Butter, Creamy, 15 OZ (Pack of 6)

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IM Healthy SoyNut Butter, Honey, 15 OZ (Pack of 6)

\$40.99

**\$35.21**

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+ \$1.76 Cashback

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IM Healthy SoyNut Butter, Honey, Creamy, 15 OZ (Pack of 6)

\$40.99

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IM Healthy SoyNut Butter, Chocolate, 15 OZ (Pack of 6)

\$40.99

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IM Healthy Granola, Blueberry, 12 OZ (Pack of 6)

\$36.99

**\$30.87**

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IM Healthy Granola, Raisin & Cranberry, 12 OZ (Pack of 6)

\$36.99

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IM Healthy Granola, Apple, 12 OZ (Pack of 6)

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# Lessons Learned



# Outbreak #2

CEREAL 1998 AND 2008

# Salmonella – Prolonged survival in the Processing Environment

*Journal of Food Protection*, Vol. 76, No. 2, 2013, Pages 227–230  
doi:10.4315/0362-028X.JFP-12-209

## A Recurrent, Multistate Outbreak of *Salmonella* Serotype Agona Infections Associated with Dry, Unsweetened Cereal Consumption, United States, 2008†

ELIZABETH T. RUSSO,<sup>1,2\*</sup> GWEN BIGGERSTAFF,<sup>2</sup> R. MICHAEL HOEKSTRA,<sup>2</sup> STEPHANIE MEYER,<sup>3</sup> NEHAL PATEL,<sup>2</sup> BENJAMIN MILLER,<sup>4</sup> AND ROB QUICK,<sup>2</sup> FOR THE SALMONELLA AGONA OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION TEAM<sup>5</sup>



*Salmonella agona*



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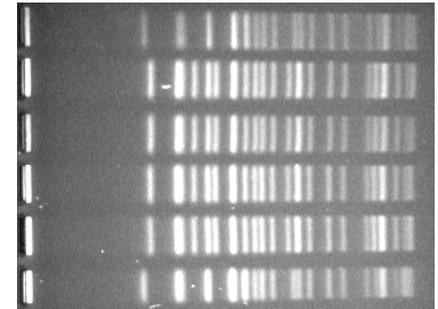
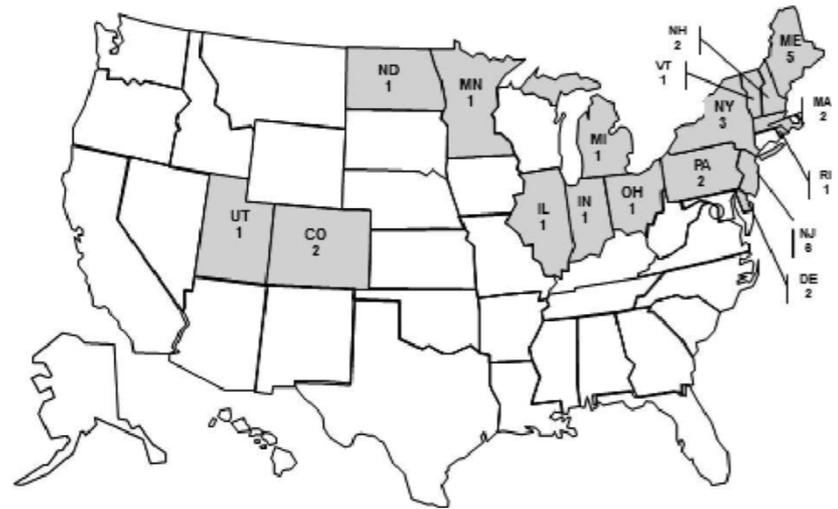
# Case study: Cereal

- *Salmonella* Agona
  - April to June 1998
    - 209 cases/11 states
    - Toasted oat cereal
- Implicated production lines:
  - Sealed off
  - Equipment removed
  - Surfaces stripped to bare concrete, decontaminated, and refinished
  - New production lines were installed



# April 2008

- *Salmonella* found in finished product produced at same facility
  - Recall
- Outbreak identified through PulseNet
  - January to July 2008
    - 33 cases/15 states
    - Puffed rice and wheat cereals
- *Salmonella* from 1998 PFGE match
  - Cases, cereals, environment



# November 2007

- Maintenance work
  - One wall opened
    - Immediately adjacent to section of facility implicated in 1998 outbreak
  - Dust? Wet cleaning? Moist conditions?
  - Floor drains (moist conditions) near the air intake of vents on production line



# Response 2008

- Ceased cereal production
  - puffed rice and puffed wheat
  - removed all equipment
  - permanently sealed section of the facility



# Lessons Learned



# Almond Contamination Source

- Evidence suggests under normal circumstances contamination is:
  - Environmental
  - Sporadic
  - Random
  - Low levels



GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES



GOOD HULLER/SHELLER PRACTICES



# The *Salmonella* Control Equation

+ PATHOGEN ENVIRONMENTAL  
MONITORING



TRAFFIC CONTROL  
(PERSONNEL &  
EQUIPMENT)

+

DUST CONTROL

+

WATER CONTROL

+

SEPARATION OF  
RAW & PASTEURIZED  
PRODUCT

+

EFFECTIVE  
CLEANING &  
SANITATION

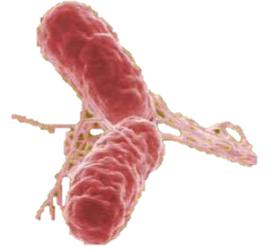
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SALMONELLA  
CONTROL



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# Almond Industry Leadership in Food Safety



Thank you!



# What's Next

## Wednesday, December 6 at 11:10 a.m.

- Sensory and Analytical: Where Science Meets Art – Room 314
- Going Nuts for Beauty: From California to China – Room 306-307
- Tools for Better Irrigation – Room 308-309
- Research Update: Growing and Harvesting – Room 312-313