Meeting Summary

1. Purpose of group & group operations

Each advisory committee member described what they are hoping to accomplish through their participation on the advisory committee, including building relationships with other organizations and with ODA, understanding industry research needs, ensuring we have a strong food safety framework that supports market access, getting a better understanding of the Food Safety Program as well as the overall Food Safety, Animal Health, and Animal ID program area at ODA, providing input on the needs of smaller processors, and understanding and guiding implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) in Oregon.

ODA Assistant Director Lauren Henderson thanked everyone for participating on the committee and explained that it has been a longtime goal for the agency to have an advisory committee for the Food Safety Program. ODA’s goals in establishing the group include building relationships between our team of relatively new managers and stakeholders, gathering feedback on FSMA implementation, helping the program prioritize its workload, discussing proposed rule changes and legislative concepts, and gathering feedback on budget/financial decisions.

Meetings will be open to the public and a meeting announcement for the November 10 meeting was posted on the ODA web site.

Brian Campbell with NW Food Processors and Jenny Dresler with Oregon Farm Bureau volunteered to serve as committee co-chairs. Thank you Brian and Jenny!!

2. Overview of ODA Food Safety Program

The PowerPoint presentation that we used to deliver the Food Safety Program overview is attached. Note: on slide 30, SB 479 refers to the Manufacturing Equipment Tax Exemption, which was most recently expanded with the passage of HB 3125 in the 2015 session of the Oregon Legislature.

3. Future topics and meeting schedule

We discussed the following topics for future Advisory Committee meetings:
- Have everyone come with a question/suggestion on one thing that could be improved in the Food Safety Program
- Budget/finances
- Review Food Safety Program possible legislative concepts for the 2017 legislative session
- Overviews of the FSMA Produce and Preventive Controls rules, including key implementation dates

The next Advisory Committee meeting will be on January 20, 2016.