



FOOD SAFETY TRAINING

Whether you are new to food safety concepts, would like to learn more about how the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) will impact you, or are thinking about having a third party audit, this introductory training will help you assess your understanding of food safety.

FOOD SAFETY IS GOOD BUSINESS

You will leave the training with a basic understanding of what food safety Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) look like on a farm, and next steps for your own farm. The workshop will also ready you for Tier 2 and Tier 3 training where you create a custom food safety plan for your farm, and prepare for a third party audit or produce safety rule compliance. Trainings are conducted by local specialists and extension agents.

LUNCH AND MATERIALS ARE INCLUDED

COST OF ATTENDANCE

This training is FREE for members of the New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association. Annual NMFMA membership for individual farmers is \$25 and includes trainings and many other benefits. Cost for non-members is \$75.

Scholarships are available courtesy of the United States Department of Agriculture and Farmers Market Promotion Program.

MEET THE INSTRUCTORS

Benjamin Bartley Value Chain Specialist, La Montañita Co-op

Ben steers local food procurement for La Montañita, and increases market access for small- to mid-sized farmers and ranchers in New Mexico. He also provides operational support for La Montañita's distribution center enterprise development. Before working for La Montañita, Ben was Food Access Director at the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture.





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John Garlisch **Agriculture Agent, New Mexico State University**

John joined the Bernalillo County Extension and Outreach staff in 2010. He assists local farmers with business and production planning, facilitates agricultural educational programs and outdoor classroom projects with area schools, and answers questions about plant identification, culture, production, diseases, and pests. John holds a BS in Horticulture (2002) and a MS in Agriculture Consumer Economics (2008) from the University of Illinois.



Valerie Smith **Quality Assurance Specialist, La Montañita Food Co-op**

Valerie Smith is a farm food safety trainer and administrator of a farm safety certification system. She has a B.S. in Biology from NM Institute of Mining and Technology, where she worked on soil microbiology projects. At La Montañita, Valerie has served as both department and store management, in retail and wholesale purchasing and as a board member. She hails from rural NM and in her current work focuses on food safety and food systems development work throughout the southwestern region. She resides and gardens in Albuquerque with her husband, son, three cats, and 13 chickens.



Steve Warshawer **Enterprise Development Manager, La Montañita Co-op**

Steve works to increase the production and consumption of local foods in New Mexico and the southwest. He helps farmers and ranchers around the Southwest build value chains and address gaps and barriers to increased sales.

Steve and his wife, Colleen, own and operate Mesa Top Farm 25 miles southeast of Santa Fe.

