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## Alliance News Lines

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### **HACCP Alliance and FSIS Hosted a Consumer Safety Officer Program for Industry**

The International HACCP Alliance and the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) conducted a Consumer Safety Officer (CSO) Program for Industry on June 24-26 in College Station on the campus of Texas A&M University. This program, attended by 56 industry people, was a condensed version of the CSO Training/Educational Program contracted to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the International HACCP Alliance by USDA/FSIS. The industry program focused on the CSO work methods and administrative enforcement activities of the CSOs. It was designed to help industry attendees gain a better understanding of CSO activities and roles within the agency.



### **USDA/FSIS Consumer Safety Officer Educational Program Completed**

Thirty-five USDA/FSIS employees from across the country concluded a four-week Consumer Safety Officer (CSO) Educational Program on June 28 in College Station, Texas. The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the International HACCP

Alliance received the competitive grant for the CSO educational program. The next course is scheduled for August.

This course included 20 prospective CSOs and 15 Veterinary Medical Officers (VMOs). The VMOs were selected to participate in the course to gain a better understanding of the CSO work methodology. All thirty-five students successfully completed the intensive course. For more information about the CSO position and role within the agency, go to the USDA/FSIS website at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/background.cso.htm>

### **Harris Talks to Southeastern Meat Processors Association on HACCP and Food Safety Issues**

On Friday, June 7, Kerri Harris, executive director of the International HACCP Alliance, spoke to members of the Southeastern Meat Processors Association at their annual convention in Palm Coast, Fl. During her presentation, she discussed the latest food safety regulatory issues, current activities of the International HACCP Alliance, and provided an update on the Consumer Safety Officer educational program.