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Food Safety Research Information Office

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FOOD SAFETY RESEARCH: A FOCUS ON

INFORMATION ON THE WEB

Food safety research information is currently being collected by the USDA/ARS Food Safety Research Information Office (FSRIO). The information is displayed on its website (www.nal.usda.gov/fsrio) or its database of searchable food safety research projects.

FSRIO was established by the U.S. Congress to be used as a resource by food safety researchers and administrators to assess food safety research needs and priorities, thereby minimizing duplication of effort. (H.R. 2534 Agricultural Research, Extension and Education Reauthorization Act of 1997, SEC. 503.)

FSRIO Web site includes

- Program and planning documents that provide detailed information on food safety spending by agency and year, and annual reports and program plans describing agency food safety research efforts.
- What's New section that highlights breaking news in food safety research, emerging issues in food safety within industry, education, and Government and upcoming conferences.
- More than 150 food safety research-related links to U.S. and foreign Government, educational, and professional organizations on the web.

Food Safety Research Database

FSRIO is mandated by legislation "to provide to the research community and the general public, information on publicly-funded, and to the extent possible, privately-funded food safety research initiatives."

The FSRIO database currently features more than 1000 food safety research projects, describing research dating from 1998 to the present from the: USDA Agricultural Research Service, National Research Initiative Competitive Grants



Program, Cooperative State Research Education and Extension; Food Safety Consortium; Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration and their cooperators; and several projects funded by foreign governments and more. The searchable database records include: project title; project description; funding per project (where available); cooperators; and scientist contact information.

Users are also encouraged to submit research projects through the Web site for inclusion in the database.

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