Jan. 30-Feb. 4, 2015 Poultry School en Español [Poultry Processing School, presented entirely in Spanish], Athens, GA. The program will cover handling of poultry before slaughter, with primary and secondary processing methods. Food safety, HACCP, marination and value-added processing methods for poultry meat will also be featured.

Apr. 14-16 and Sept. 22-24, 2015 Developing & Implementing HACCP for the Meat & Poultry Industry, Athens, GA. This workshop is designed to establish or improve an in-plant HACCP (food safety) program; it is geared for supervisory level employees to receive HACCP certification.

June 2-3, 2015 Control of Microbial Contamination for the Food Industry, Athens, GA. This hands-on lab and lecture short course will examine principles of sanitation design as well as effective environmental sampling, methods of testing and interpretation of test results to prevent microbial contamination of food products.

Aug. 11-13, 2015 Advanced Sanitation, Athens, GA. The 2½ day course will address the microbiology of sanitation, the costs of spoilage, the danger of foodborne hazards and emerging pathogens.highest possible quality are examined.

Oct. 20-22, 2015 Poultry Processing & Safety Workshop, Athens, GA. This 2½ day intensive short course of lectures and demonstrations, will cover the science of value-added processing and marination of poultry, including systems and procedures for product development, ingredient and flavor technology, cooking, packaging, food safety and troubleshooting.

2015 Flavor of Georgia
The 6th annual food product competition registration opens in November 2015 - for details see http://www.flavorofgeorgia.caes.uga.edu/

Feb. 10-12, 2015 Developing & Implementing a Hazard Analysis, Risk-Based Preventive Control Safety Plan for Fresh Produce, Athens, GA. This three-day workshop is tailored to the fresh produce grower, packer, shipper and third-party auditor. Participants will learn about FSMA and how to minimize hazards in on-farm, packing and shipping operations, and to develop a Food Safety Plan based on science for their specific operations. HACCP certification course.

May 6-8, 2015 Hands-On HACCP for the Fresh-Cut Produce Industry, Athens, GA. This workshop is designed to assist fresh-cut quality control personnel prepare and implement a HACCP Food Safety Plan with hands-on breakout sessions and coaching by food safety experts. HACCP certification course.

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March 17-20, 2015 Better Process Control School, Athens, GA. This four-day short course fulfills the FDA and USDA requirements to certify supervisors in acidification, thermal processing and container closure evaluation operations during canning of low-acid or acidified foods.

Nov. 10-12, 2015 Better Process Control School for Acidified Foods, Athens, GA. This 2½-day BPCS is geared specifically for acidified foods and canning in glass, and includes a FREE hands-on training lab for proper use of food safety testing equipment, canning procedures, and record keeping.

July 21-23, 2015 HACCP for Nut Processors, Athens, GA. A 2½ day food safety and HACCP certification course specifically designed for the nut industry, to teach safe handling and processing practices for nut product manufacturers.

Mar. 3-5, 2015 - Athens Starting a New Food Business in Georgia. This in-depth, two-day training course concentrates on federal and state regulations, food safety, product testing, record keeping, and processing issues involved with putting a food product on the market. Business and marketing issues are included in this expanded agenda.

Other Food Industry Services

Process Approval The Georgia Department of Agriculture requires a letter of process approval for low acid or acidified foods such as pickles, salsa, BBQ sauces. We examine your process to determine it meets food safety requirements, test your sample products, and assist you in meeting FDA and GDA standards before issuing this letter. A nominal fee is charged.

Nutrition Facts Panel We can provide nutritional analysis of your recipe formulation (strictly confidential) and provide a “camera ready” nutrition facts panel for your product. A nominal fee is charged for this service.

Quality, Sanitation & HACCP Audits These on-site activities are designed to provide insight and evaluation for plant efficiency, improvements, regulatory compliance and product safety.

Details on registration, fees, lodging, and travel tips for each of our short courses and workshops may be found in the workshop brochures on the CALENDAR at our website http://EFSonline.uga.edu.
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The Food Science Extension Outreach Program applies that research to create workshops and training opportunities for the food commodity industry. Our Extension specialists are internationally known for their expertise and innovation in offering timely instruction in food safety, value-added processing and HACCP programs.

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