

A Fantastic Summer Opportunity for Science, Family and Consumer Science

Foodborne disease outbreaks and food recalls frequent the news. What organisms cause these diseases? What can an individual do to protect themselves from these diseases? What measures are being taken by the federal government to prevent transmission of these diseases?

Middle Level and High School science, health, and family and consumer science teachers have an opportunity to provide inquiry-based lessons related to these outbreaks and recalls. The lessons can be found in the curriculum *Science and Our Food Supply* developed jointly by FDA and NSTA. And, in order to prepare teachers to use these lessons, FDA provides a free multidimensional professional development program that will take place July 17 – 24, 2016 in Washington, DC. Included in the program is transportation to and from Washington and all housing and meal expenses.

During the program, selected teachers will participate in activities such as: meeting with FDA and USDA scientists to learn about their current research on food science; working with instructors at the microbiology lab at the University of Maryland to learn proper techniques to use in doing the microbiology labs with their own students; and, touring USDA's farm in Beltsville, MD.

Selected teachers are asked to implement the curriculum in their classrooms during the 2016 – 2017 school year and to do a workshop on the curriculum for other teachers.

To apply on line – deadline April 18, 2016 - go to: <http://teachfoodscience.org/apply.asp>

The *Science and Our Food Supply* middle level and high school teacher's guides on which some of the application questions are based can be downloaded here - <http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodScienceResearch/ToolsMaterials/ucm2006976.htm>.

The newest component to our curriculum - *Science and Our Food Supply: Using the Nutrition Facts Label to Make Healthy Choices*, can also be downloaded from the same website - <http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodScienceResearch/ToolsMaterials/ucm2006976.htm>