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Food Safety Training Kits Developed to Help Provide High Quality Mangos

The NMB provides food safety best practices to farms, packinghouses and importer warehouses

Orlando, Fla (June 25, 2015) – In an effort to provide U.S. consumers with a delicious, nutritious, and safe product, the National Mango Board (NMB) has developed Food Safety Training Kits (FSTK) in conjunction with food safety expert Dr. Sergio Nieto-Montenegro of Food Safety Consulting & Training Solutions, LLC. These kits share food safety training materials recommended for mango growing farms and packinghouses in the top six exporting countries, and mango warehouses and distribution centers in the U.S.

The FSTK is equipped with several tools to facilitate employee training at different facilities including: instruction guide for the trainer, posters with icons and pictures, power point lessons for employees, flipcharts and additional resources such as training logs, tests and certificates. The FSTK and resources are available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Creole, which can be downloaded from mangofoodsafety.org. Providing high quality mangos that consumers will purchase again and again requires a commitment to safety and quality by each and every member of the mango industry. The NMB provides these training tools as a service to the mango industry. The NMB does not have the authority to enforce good agricultural practices.

The NMB will showcase the FSTK during their outreach meetings held throughout the year in the U.S. where Dr. Sergio Nieto-Montenegro will provide guidelines on "How to Implement Effective Training Programs in Importing Warehouses." These meetings are complementary to the industry and lunch is provided. Upcoming outreach meetings are as follows:

- Nogales, AZ June 25, 2015
- Pompano Beach, FL August 13, 2015

To confirm your assistance to a meeting, please contact Carla Sosa, Industry Relations Specialist at the NMB, by calling 407-629-7318 ext. 114 or via email at csosa@mango.org.

About National Mango Board

The National Mango Board is an agriculture promotion group, which is supported by assessments from both domestic and imported mangos. The board was designed to drive awareness and consumption of fresh mangos in the U.S. The superfruit mango contains 100 calories, an excellent source of vitamins A and C, a good source of fiber and an amazing source of tropical flavor. Learn more at www.mango.org.