**FOOD SAFETY PRACTICES AND ATTITUDES AMONG LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM PARTICIPANTS**

What practices do small produce growers use to prevent on farm contamination of fresh produce?

Are farmers’ market customers more concerned about potential food safety risks?

What are the food safety needs of farmers’ market managers in the North Central Region states?

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**PROJECT GOALS:**

- Increased understanding of consumer perceptions of food safety and attitudes toward approaches based on farm size;

- Develop understanding of food safety practices of NCR small and medium sized growers and identification of new, testable, farm size appropriate practices used by these growers;

- Increased understanding of farmers’ market managers roles in ensuring food safety; and

- Identification of food safety information needs of farmers’ market managers.

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