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## FOODSERVICE MANAGER AND SUPERVISOR TRAINING NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE Motivate Employees to Follow Safe Food Handling Practices

AMES, Iowa — Iowa State University has released an online version of "Your Motivation Toolkit," a self-guided training program in food safety for foodservice managers and supervisors.

Developed by ISU's SafeFood© research team, the toolkit is a valuable tool for managers who are interested in how to better motivate employees to follow safe food handling procedures. It is expected that managers and supervisors using the toolkit would have prior food safety training. The toolkit includes the following two modules:

- Using Communication to Motivate
- Using Recognition and Discipline to Motivate

The modules include case studies, narrated PowerPoints presentations, assessments and resources. The online format allows busy managers and supervisors the freedom to access and complete the modules when it is most convenient to them, either a little at a time or all in one setting. It is estimated each module will take about an hour to complete.

The **free** online version of the training toolkit can be accessed at: <a href="http://www.extension.iastate.edu/foodsafety/toolkit/">http://www.extension.iastate.edu/foodsafety/toolkit/</a>. A limited number of hard copy toolkits are available for purchase. The order form for these is available at the same web address.

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