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Food Protection Management Courses

The Food Protection Management Training Program seeks to reduce the risk of food borne illness. Food service **managers** can attend a two day certification training on **Tuesday, August 28, 2018** from **8:30 am to 4:30 pm** and **Wednesday, August 29** from **1:00pm to approximately 5:00pm** (includes exam which follows conclusion of course) at the **Wise County Extension office** in Decatur. The registration fee of \$125 includes course book and ServeSafe exam. Registration deadline is August 14, 2018 and is limited to the first 15 paid participants.

The “**Food Safety: It’s Our Business**” course is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Improved relationships with health officials
- Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness

By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:

- identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
- preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
- teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
- complying with government regulations
- maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
- controlling pests

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices.

For questions concerning this classes please call 940/627-3341 or come by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's, Wise County Office, 206 S. State St., Decatur, Texas 76234. The Food Protection Management (FPM) Training Program is brought to you by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in cooperation with the Texas Department of State Health Services, and the County Commissioners Court Cooperating.