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## **AFIA to Release Results of Generic Hazard Analysis**

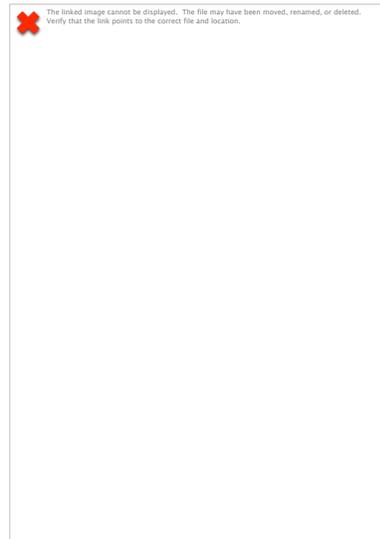
*Funded by IFEEDER, new research will help minimize  
financial burden of FSMA on industry*

In just a few short weeks, the American Feed Industry Association will roll out vital information to members on a generic hazard analysis research project funded by AFIA's foundation, the Institute for Feed Education & Research (IFEEDER). The project's funding is IFEEDER's largest to date.

**IFEEDER funded the project to find a way to minimize the financial burden of the [final Food Safety Modernization Act rule](#) on AFIA members.** The project also will save member companies hundreds of hours of employee time and works toward the continuous goal of a safe food supply chain.

**This tool is one-of-a-kind. There is no other risk analysis available that covers animal food.** The Food and Drug Administration recognized the creation of a tool such as a comprehensive hazard analysis could be prepared by a trade association for its members. The research, which kicked off in January, was conducted by the University of Minnesota's Center for Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) at the College of Veterinary Medicine with the goal of assisting industry in the development of a hazard analysis for each individual facility. The FSMA animal food rule requires each firm to develop a facility-specific animal food safety plan. Industry must also perform a hazard analysis to determine if any hazards require a preventive control.

The National Grain and Feed Association's foundation partnered with IFEEDER to help fund the project, where CAHFS researchers **vetted more than 9,000 potential articles** as well as FDA recall and enforcement documents related to animal feed to identify potential hazards.



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The end result will help members conduct a hazard analysis of the plant, determine the severity and probability of those hazards in the plant's products, and how to mitigate the risks of the hazard. However, it is important to keep in mind, once this generic hazard analysis is released, it is a facility's responsibility to review and determine how to use the data to approve and implement a facility-specific hazard analysis.

As the research and development portion of the project is coming to an end, AFIA is excited to now involve our members. This tool will assist the following member types:

- Manufacturing
- Processing
- Packing or holding feed
- Ingredients
- Pet food
- Liquid feed

**This information is a member benefit;** a vital but complex one. To assist members in understanding the research that was conducted, the tool created and the processes for compliance, AFIA is hosting a "[FSMA Hazard Analysis Training Seminar](#)" Dec. 6-7 in Arlington, Virginia. This is a highly recommended training for any member who intends to take part in their company's hazard analysis development process. View the agenda [here](#).

A second, identical meeting will be held at the [International Production & Processing Expo](#) in Atlanta, Georgia, Feb. 2-3.

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