

FOOD SCIENCE POLICY ALLIANCE

Department of Food Science

University of Massachusetts Amherst

The Food Science Policy Alliance provides a scholarly venue for the objective evaluation of science-based food policies and regulatory issues for students, consumers, government and industry. It is built on a scholarly foundation offering a Master of Public Policy and Administration degree with a concentration in Food Science Policy. The degree is administered by the Center for Public Policy and Administration and Scholarships are available from the alliance for qualified students with a degree in food science or a related field. The program offers a course taught by internationally recognized guest lecturers from government, industry and consumer groups that is required for students pursuing the advanced degree providing for the education of well-trained graduates capable of developing and evaluating recommendations concerning national and international food policy.

As well the Food Science Policy Alliance at the University of Massachusetts Amherst addresses current and future issues of food policy and regulation for both domestic and international markets. The Food Science Policy Alliance:

- Provides a setting where government agencies, students, industry leaders and consumer groups can meet in a neutral setting to discuss issues and seek answers. Establishes partnerships among these constituent groups and convenes appropriate workshops and symposia for dialogue and professional continuing education. Provides forums where objective international panels of experts can be convened to evaluate recommendations concerning food policies and regulation worldwide.
- Generates recommendations, useful to consumers, government and industry, concerning the cultivation, production and regulation of a safe food supply.

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