

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

MASTER FOOD SAFETY ADVISOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Master Food Safety Advisors Fill a Vital Role for Colorado

Colorado State University Extension Offices are busy places year-round with calls concerning food preservation and home food safety. How long can I keep leftovers? How should I safely thaw a turkey? How do I preserve tomatoes? How do I adjust my canning for altitude? The questions are varied, seasonal and endless!

So, how does the Extension Office manage to answer all these calls, conduct presentations and workshops as well as numerous other efforts to provide credible, up-to-date food safety information? With the great work by our dedicated volunteers called, Master Food Safety Advisors, who assist Extension food safety educators.

Master Food Safety Advisors (MFSA) receive 30 hours of hands-on, research-tested food safety and preservation instruction. After completing the training and passing a written exam, MFSA volunteers give back 30 hours of service helping others practice safe food handling and preserve food successfully at home. Volunteers conduct demonstrations and assist with workshops, test pressure canner gauges, staff exhibits at county fairs and farmers markets, write articles and answer phone calls and emails.

Have a food safety or food preservation question? Interested in becoming a CSU Extension Master Food Safety Advisor volunteer in your county? Know someone who might have an interest? For more information contact the nearest CSU Extension Office listed below. If your area is not listed, contact Edie McSherry, Coordinator, CSU Master Food Safety Advisor Volunteer Program at 970-498-6008 or emcsherry@larimer.org.

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