Dear S294 Colleagues,

The S294 Multistate Research Project, *Quality & Safety of Fresh-cut Vegetables and Fruits*, is back in business – 10/01/2017 thru 09/30/2022.  Plans are being made to meet again in conjunction with the United Fresh convention in Chicago, which is being held from June 25-27 at the McCormick Place Convention Center.

**\*\*The S294 meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26 from 8:00-12:00 for the general meeting, with group meetings to plan collaborative efforts possible in the afternoon (meeting room to be announced).\*\***The meeting room plus food and beverages are being provided by United.

This year, United is providing S294 members with free registration for the convention (registration form attached). They are not requiring United membership or participation in a poster session – they just want us to interact with their membership.  This is the best deal we have ever received from United. (However, University/Government membership is available at a discounted cost of $250 per year at [www.unitedfresh.org](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.unitedfresh.org&d=DwMGaQ&c=nE__W8dFE-shTxStwXtp0A&r=cMoBOUASt1hNjBU3HDBoXWz9bBk9TT9HYvhvXg9DXqw&m=l8pceqKiO-Ac2-rDICdm0tjiWEd32teTKJLHcSaELMU&s=TWrBdulRKRNjOrIdSSZWpnEnY08O1PsIfeYkw14CYiw&e=))

There will no longer be a poster session on the Expo floor; that has been replaced by the “University Showcase” on Monday, June 25 (brochure and application attached). The University Showcase provides a 6-foot draped table for whatever you wish to display; there will be no cost for this. However, space reservations must be made by April 30.

The United Food Safety & Technology Council will meet all day on June 25, and all S294 members are welcome to attend (location to be announced).

**\*Note>>>** Please respond now and tell me whether or not you plan to attend the S294 meeting so I can provide United with a head count for them to be able to determine our meeting room requirements.

Best regards,

Jeff Brecht

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