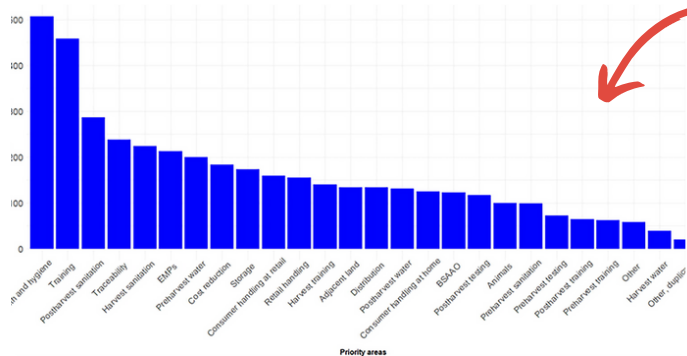




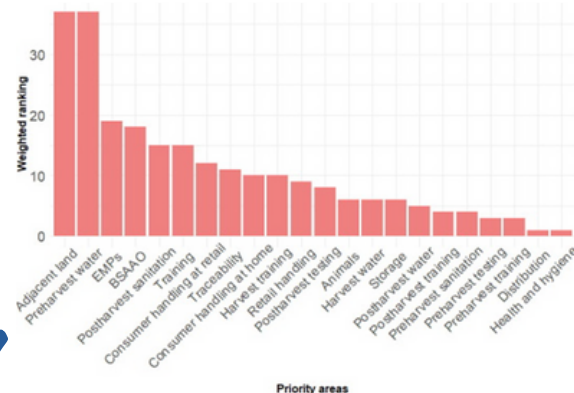
RESEARCH SUMMARIES

RANKING FOOD SAFETY PRIORITIES OF THE FRESH PRODUCE INDUSTRY



Food safety professionals who provide technical assistance to the fresh produce industry ranked food safety priorities similarly to fresh produce growers. This finding suggests that growers and technical assistance professionals agree on how to prioritize the variety of food safety concerns that impact fresh produce production.

The PAC ranked “adjacent land” as their top food safety priority, followed by “preharvest water”, “EMPs”, “BSAAO”, and “postharvest sanitation”. The ranking behavior of PAC respondents aligned with the emerging topics that have been discussed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as vulnerabilities in the production of fresh produce.



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