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Karen Lowell, Ph.D. is an agricultural scientist who lectures at UC Santa Cruz, teaching Food Safety and Environmental Quality: The Complexities of a Safe Salad, and Ethics and Emerging Technologies. Her teaching at UCSC focuses on helping students become discerning consumers of information and competent communicators. She is also an independent contractor with L&L Consulting, which specializes in multi-disciplinary approaches to complex agricultural and environmental issues. She was the lead author on *Safe and Sustainable: Co-Managing for Food Safety and Ecological Health in California's Central Coast Region*, and has presented the findings of the report in Georgia, New York and Maryland as well as in numerous California forums and discussions. She has also researched and presented examples of direct conflict with existing law as growers make food safety management decisions. She is currently working on an NRCS-funded Conservation Innovation Grant project with Wild Farm Alliance to develop a Technical Note to support Co-Management objectives. The project includes partners in California, Florida and New York. She is a member of the Farm, Food Safety and Conservation Network Steering Committee, a Central Coast region working group whose purpose is to facilitate the coordination of related organizations to support the agricultural industry's efforts to reduce food safety risks through methods which also minimize or avoid impacts to water quality, wildlife and habitat through education, training, research, communication and outreach.