

# Bending the Curve of Foodborne Illness

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New Era of Smarter Food Safety

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# Agenda

## **FDA New Era of Smarter Food Safety Core Element 1: Tech-Enabled Traceability**

American Spice Trade Association  
2021 Regulatory Workshop

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**New Era:**  
a memorable or  
important date or  
event, especially one  
that begins a new  
period in our history.

## Tech-enabled Traceability



## Smarter Tools and Approaches for Prevention and Outbreak Response



## New Business Models and Retail Modernization



## Food Safety Culture

# Core Element 1: Tech Enabled Traceability



**Tech-Enabled Traceability**

1. Develop Foundational Components
2. Encourage and Incentivize Industry Adoption of New Technologies
3. Leveraging the Digital Transformation

# Meet core element 1



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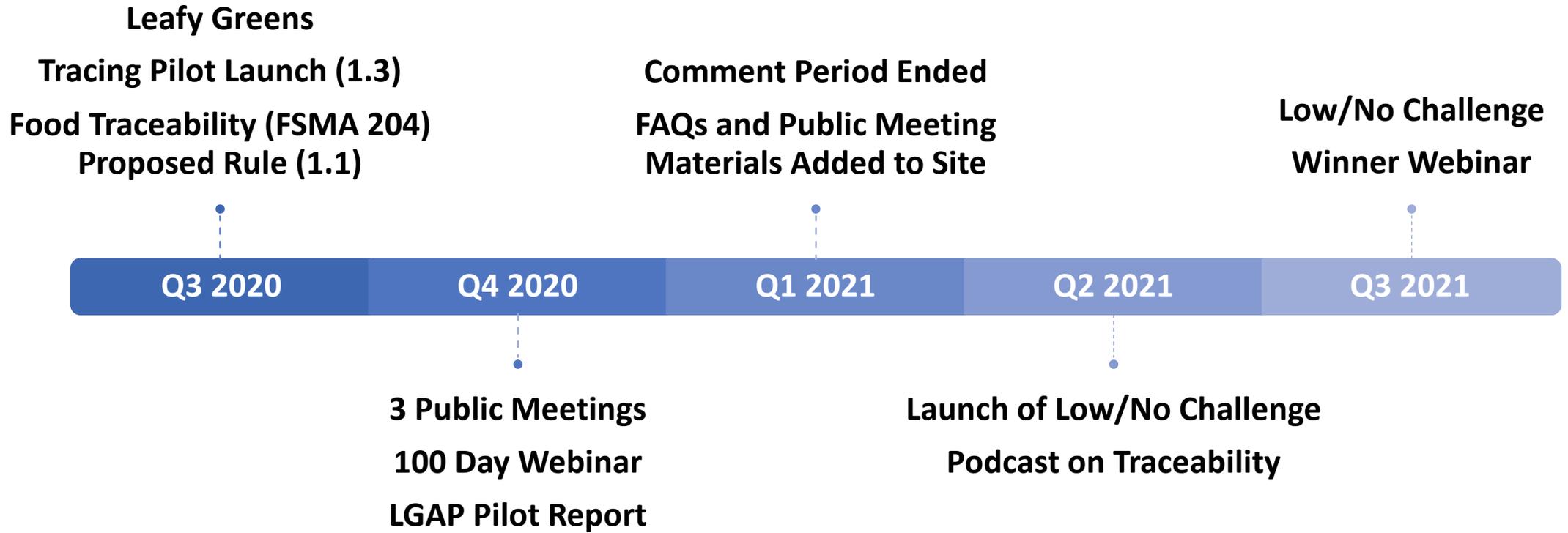
Karen Blickenstaff  
CORE-related  
Topics/Intersections

# OUR THINKING

- The New Era of **tech-enabled traceability** will create a harmonized system of traceability from farm to fork.
- Lay the foundations for traceability by harmonizing key data elements and critical tracking events, **making interoperability possible, and helping scale** different traceability systems
- Encourage development and use of **cost-effective tech-enabled tracing systems** for all foods, yielding greater transparency
- Leverage **additional functionality** to track, trace, and monitor the food system
- Establish **investigational methodologies** to optimize the use of traceability data in solving outbreaks and identifying root causes

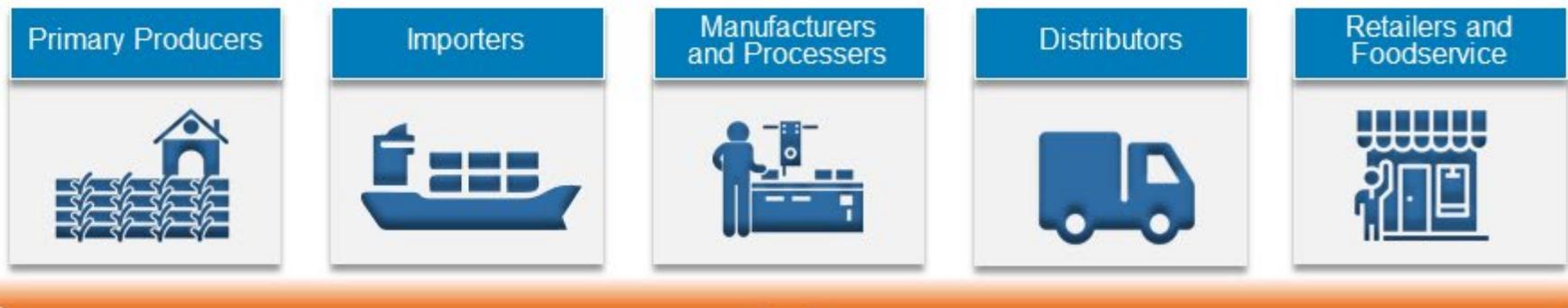


# Timeline





### Traceability Needs in the Food Supply Chain



**Challenge Launch: June 1, 2021**  
Challenge page is made available

### Your Submission



**June 1, 2021 – July 30, 2021**  
Participants develop traceability hardware, software, and data analytics platforms

### Evaluation & Results



**Deadline: July 30, 2021**  
Food Traceability submissions are evaluated



# The road ahead for 2022

- ✓ Finalize the Food Traceability Rule
- ✓ Build a platform to rapidly receive electronic traceability data at FDA
- ✓ Initiate further discussions with domestic and international stakeholders about harmonization of traceability efforts
- ✓ Expand traceability pilot activities beyond leafy greens
- ✓ Implement changes to digital traceback requests
- ✓ Efforts to encourage development of simple, low-cost solutions to promote Tech-Enabled Traceability, and to meet requirements of the FSMA Food Traceability Rule when finalized (Follow up on ideas from the Low-cost, No-cost Traceability Challenge)

## Traceability Rule Resources:

- Three Public Meeting recordings and transcripts [available](#)
- Food Traceability proposed rule [webpages](#)
  - Additional Information:
    - [NEW: Frequently Asked Questions about the Food Traceability Proposed Rule](#)
    - [Food Traceability Proposed Rule At-A-Glance](#)
    - [Food Traceability Proposed Rule Exemptions At-A-Glance](#)
    - [Food Traceability List](#)
    - [Risk Ranking Model for Food Tracing tool](#)
    - [Which Key Data Elements Would Apply to Me?](#)
    - [Who is Subject to the Rule Flowchart](#)
    - [Pre-recorded Webinar to Discuss Food Traceability Proposed Rule](#)
    - [Supply Chain Examples](#)
    - [First Receiver Examples](#)
    - [Creation and Transformation](#)
    - [Webinar/video](#)
- Additional questions related to this rule should be sent to the [FSMA Technical Assistance Network](#)
- Meeting requests related to this rule should be submitted to [FSMA204Traceability@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:FSMA204Traceability@fda.hhs.gov)
- Comments should be submitted to docket FDA-2014-N-0053 on [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)

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