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## The Southern Region Pesticide Safety Education Center: A Regional Approach to Trainingthe-Trainer

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## **Abstract**

The Southern Region Pesticide Safety Education Center was created in 2001 as a "train-the-trainer" program for Cooperative Extension Service agents and state pesticide inspectors from the thirteen-state Southern Region of the United States Department of Agriculture. The goal of the center was to equip Extension agents and state pesticide inspectors with the knowledge and resources necessary for more effective and credible pesticide safety education and regulation. This paper describes the initial program offering of the Center: an on-line (Internet) tutorial and a three-day workshop emphasizing hands-on methods for teaching proper pesticide handling.

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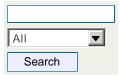
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