Benefits of Membership

Click on the following links learn about the many Benefits of Membership with the RFA:

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Manufacturing Member Benefits

The Refrigerated Foods Association is the leading association of manufacturers and suppliers of prepared, refrigerated foods. Our Association helps companies of all sizes by providing valuable technical information and support as well as a business network of other refrigerated foods manufacturers and industry suppliers. Give yourself the tools to succeed in this growing, competitive industry by joining today!

1.) **Food Safety and Technical Support**

As the leading food safety resource for the refrigerated foods industry, the RFA takes a proactive approach, keeping members abreast of the latest food safety and regulatory news and providing a network of support for their food safety questions and problems.

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Get immediate answers to your technical questions via the Technical Hotline. Speak directly to our Technical Director, an industry expert on food safety and regulatory issues.

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Seek advice and input from other members via the RFA E-List , an email discussion group covering all industry topics.

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Attend leading-edge Technical Webcasts and Seminars designed specifically for our industry. Now included as a Member Benefit AT NO EXTRA CHARGE.

2.) **Food Safety and Technical News and Research**

In addition to the technical support received via the Technical Hotline and E-List, the RFA provides members with the most recent information and research studies on a wide variety of food safety and regulatory issues, including shelf life protocol, HACCP, control of Listeria monocytogenes, cross-contamination by pathogens and allergens and nutritional labeling.

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Stay up-to-date on the latest food safety and technical issues through the Technical E-News, a bi-weekly e-newsletter that contains the latest food safety news articles.

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Gain access to in-depth research on the important food safety concerns you face within your plant each day. The RFA conducts primary research on critical food safety topics, including microbiological control, HACCP, cross-contamination, allergens, and labeling, all at the direction of the membership. Resources include completed studies on a standardized protocol for determining shelf life, cabbage browning, microbiological status of products, Listeria and more.

Click here for more information on the many Food Safety Resources offered by the RFA.

3.) **Industry Advancement & Development**

The RFA is your resource for relevant industry-specific programs to strengthen your company's capabilities. The RFA conducts valuable webcasts, symposiums, and conferences throughout the year on topics relevant to your specific needs and challenges.

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Gain insights from top speakers and panelists in the industry at the RFA Annual Conference, a three-day event featuring valuable speaker presentations on a wide range of topics relevant to our industry. Stay on top of the key trends impacting our industry by interacting with experts in the fields of consumer insights, natural & organic foods, product innovation, retailer strategies, and cold chain logistics. For more details on the next RFA Conference, click here .

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Develop a more effective commodities procurement program with our quarterly Commodity Newsletter and presentations on effective commodity strategies.

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Attend leading-edge Technical Webcasts and Seminars designed specifically for our industry.

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Interact with experts in the fields of food safety, consumer trends, cold chain logistics and more at our annual Fall Symposiums. The Symposiums feature a program with food safety topics and general industry development topics.

Visit the Event List for a complete schedule of upcoming RFA events.

4.) **Community & Networking**

The RFA is more than a collection of companies: it is a community of colleagues who are actively engaged in learning from each other and moving the industry forward.

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Develop a robust network of key industry professionals. Engage colleagues in discussing your most challenging issues, learn about the latest advances, and brainstorm innovative solutions.

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Learn about advances in packaging and ingredients by interacting with top dedicated suppliers to the industry. The RFA brings together the industry's top suppliers of ingredients, packaging,

equipment, technologies, and services.

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Address your most challenging issues with key vendors at the One-on-One CEO Sessions at the Annual Conference. The CEO Sessions are a unique opportunity for the principal decision-makers from manufacturing companies to meet directly with vendors.

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Work with other members to help move the industry forward. Get involved on the various RFA committees to help shape the direction of the association and nurture the future of the industry.

5.) **Additional Benefits**

Access to the RFA web site's Members-Only Section - RFA members receive full access to the Members-Only Section of the RFA web site, which contains the online Membership Directory, downloadable Conference and Seminar handouts, past Newsletters and Technical E-News issues, Message Boards, and more.

Newsletters and Bulletins - Informative quarterly newsletters and membership bulletins about the Association’s activities, with industry updates and marketing tips.

Online Membership Directory - RFA members receive access to our online Membership Directory featuring contact names, addresses, emails, web sites and product information on the entire membership. Members are listed by business classification and geographical location for easy reference.

International Ties - Tour the plants of leading European refrigerated foods manufacturers on the International Tour and gain a global perspective on emerging food trends and technologies. The RFA sponsors International Tours that allow members to visit refrigerated food plants, supermarkets and foodservice facilities in Europe.

Interested in becoming a member of the RFA? Click here to download a Membership Application or apply online . You can also contact the RFA Office at 678-426-8175 to learn more!

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