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## **Disseminating science-based home food preservation information on the internet**

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Home food preservation remains an important and popular cultural activity. The safety of these products and processes remains the number one concern.

The National Center for Home Food Preservation (NCHFP) was created to help meet the needs of both Extension agents and consumers for science-based information. As part of the NCHFP mission a web site was created to locate, review, and disseminate research-based home food preservation information.

The web site, [www.homefoodpreservation.com](http://www.homefoodpreservation.com), offers publications that include USDA guides and bulletins, The University of Georgia factsheets, literature reviews of current topics, links to other state Cooperative Extension homepages, seasonal tips, multimedia demonstrations, FAQ's, contact lists and a variety of other resources.

Initial feedback from a sampling of Cooperative Extension agents has been favorable. Experienced home preservers have also given favorable reviews, while inexperienced home food preservers commented that they are a bit overwhelmed.

The initial comments and popularity of the site indicates that it is meeting its objectives of providing resources to Cooperative Extension professionals and increasing public awareness of science-based safe home food preservation techniques.