

This year's annual meeting was in conjunction with the FDA. We had the Southwest regional conference at Little America in Cheyenne. This conference is packed full of educational seminars and workshops. We had approximately 162 attendees for this multiday event. The highlight of this conference was the annual WEHA (Wyoming Environmental Health Association) awards banquet. They show case the extremely talented individuals who set the bar high and are willing to go above and beyond.



Rebecca Dow (Left) and Presenting the award is WEHA president Todd Denny (Right). This award was presented The Nancy Reinke Award for her natural ability to talk to people and grab their attention when teaching them. She was also instrumental in setting up the trainings for this year's FSCPA training for the states FDA registered producers. In the span of less than a year, Chelle Schwope and Rebecca Dow had to travel to Austin, TX to start their education process. From there they had to travel to California to become fully certified to give the training. The true test of their training was to give this class to their colleagues who are already well versed in meat HACCP. This to me was a remarkable feat for both instructors, but also showed the dedication, professionalism, and enthusiasm.