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What to know about the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule in 2021

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FSMA Produce Safety Updates

Compliance Dates and Inspections



When

Compliance dates for all farms exceeding \$25,000 in annual produce sales have passed and are eligible for inspection; Compliance dates for Agricultural Water have been delayed.

Who

Produce Safety Rule Inspections are being conducted throughout the state by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)-Division of Fruit and Vegetable.

Where

Farms are currently being inspected with priority given to larger farm size and higher risk commodities.

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Eligible Farm Exemptions



- Farms producing less than \$25,000 in annual produce sales per year (based on a three-year rolling average, adjusted for inflation).
- Produce intended for commercial processing with a “kill step” - fruit intended for juice, with a pasteurization process, is eligible for exemption.
- Growers who intend to take advantage of “fresh” and “juice” markets should consider how the rule might affect them.
- “Qualified Exemption” - farms who produce >\$500,000 in annual food sales AND the majority of the food (by value) is sold to “Qualified End User” may be eligible; Section 112.3 (c) defines “Qualified End-Users.”

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What's Next?



Agricultural Water

- In 2019, the Food and Drug Administration announced new compliance dates for agricultural water (Subpart E), which are currently scheduled to begin in January of 2022 for large farms.
- FDA has indicated updates to Subpart E will be released soon, however, current requirements should be met if new compliance dates pass prior to their release.

Biological Soil Amendments of Animal Origin (BSAAO's)

- Parts of Subpart F are still incomplete. Research is ongoing for application of untreated soil amendments and treatment methods.
- Current guidance is to refer to National Organic Program Standards of a 90-to-120-day interval between application of untreated soil amendments that contact product and harvest.

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Produce Safety Alliance Grower Trainings

- 9/21/21- Ft. Pierce - UF/IFAS Indian River Research and Education Center
- 10/19/21 Naples - UF/IFAS Extension Collier County
- 11/10/21- Monticello - UF/IFAS Extension Jefferson County
- 11/17/21- Belle Glade - UF/IFAS Everglades Research and Education Center
- 11/30-12/2/2021 - Remote - Offered remotely, via Zoom.

Upcoming Food Safety Trainings

- 9/22/21 Bridging the Gaps: Solutions for Water Treatment on Farm- UF/IFAS Indian River Research and Education Center
- 11/2-11/4/21 Preventive Controls for Human Food PCQI- UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center



Produce Safety
ALLIANCE

For registration information or questions about food safety contact us: UFFoodsafety@ifas.ufl.edu

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On-Farm Readiness Reviews

- Sign up for an On-Farm Readiness Review (OFRR) to schedule a confidential, educational walk-through of your operation to assist in meeting the requirements of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule.
- OFRR's provide a free assessment from University of Florida and FDACS personnel.

Visit: www.fdacs.gov/ofrr to sign up



For questions about inspections or On-Farm Readiness Reviews contact:

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