

# Working Together:

A produce farmer's guide to utilizing the Michigan On-farm Produce Safety program

The Michigan On-farm Produce Safety (MOPS) program is a collection of service providers and resources to prepare Michigan farmers who grow fresh fruits and vegetables for compliance with the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule. Services from Produce Safety Technicians and MSU Extension Educators are always free, voluntary, and confidential.

For the most comprehensive preparedness, a farmer should consider utilizing all services applicable to them.



## Produce Safety Glossary

### Produce Safety Rule

The FSMA Produce Safety Rule is a federal law mandating a minimum standard of food safety for produce farmers.

### Produce Safety Rule Inspection

Produce Safety Rule Inspections are non-voluntary, scheduled inspections performed by a Michigan Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) Inspector to verify farm compliance with the Rule.

### Produce Safety Alliance

#### Grower Training

The Produce Safety Alliance is a national collaboration designed to provide guidance and training to the produce industry. Grower Trainings provide information on the FSMA Produce Safety Rule.

### Covered Farm

A farm that must comply with the FSMA Produce Safety Rule based on crops grown, annual gross income, and sales avenues. Contact a Produce Safety Technician or visit [fda.gov](http://fda.gov) to see if your farm is covered.

### On-Farm Readiness Review

This tool is a non-regulatory, free assessment of a covered farm's readiness for inspection under the FSMA Produce Safety Rule.

### Produce Safety Risk Assessment

This tool is designed for covered and non-covered farms provide food safety education and technical assistance to fruit and vegetable growers who follow safe food practices. A certificate of completion is awarded when an action plan is implemented to correct potential food safety risks identified on the farm.

### Technical Assistance

Trained Produce Safety Technicians employed through MI Conservation Districts provide on-farm assistance with implementing practices that increase compliance with the Produce Safety Rule.