

Michigan Farm Produce Safety

ROADMAP

This roadmap is designed to help farms navigate the different produce safety programs and services available in Michigan.



PRODUCE SAFETY EDUCATION

If you are new to farming or have never attended a farm food safety training, a good first step is to take some time to learn about produce safety, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule (PSR). The MSU Extension Agrifood Safety website has videos and other training materials to get you started.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Now that you have a background in farm produce safety concepts, the next step is to apply them to your farm. The Michigan Produce Safety Risk Assessment is a free and confidential program delivered by trained Produce Safety Technicians across the state.

To find a technician near you, visit the Conservation District Produce Safety Technician Coverage Map





WRITTEN FOOD SAFETY PLAN

Once you have identified your farm's food safety risks, the next step is to write policies and procedures for how you will address these risks. There are templates and resources available to guide you on the MSU Extension Agrifood Safety website.

FSMA PRODUCE RULE TRAINING

The FSMA PSR includes a set of regulations that apply to fresh produce growers. If you are covered under the rule, at least one individual from your farm must complete a Grower Produce Safety Course, such as those offered by Michigan State University Extension.

ON-FARM READINESS REVIEW

On-Farm Readiness Reviews (OFRR) are designed to help fresh produce growers feel prepared and ready for meeting the FSMA PSR requirements by walking through their operations with a small team of produce safety experts. Learn more about OFRRs and how to request one at the MSU Extension On-Farm Readiness Review webpage.



FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION

Some buyers may require you to obtain a third party food safety certification. If your buyer requires USDA GAP certification, the Michigan GroupGAP Network is an option to achieve USDA GAP certification in a supportive, educational environment. Learn more at the Michigan GroupGAP website.



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