

8.0 Traceability (Answers G-1, G-2, 1-26, 2-21)

Purpose:

To ensure that there is a system in place to track produce one step forward and one step backward within the food production chain.

Concern:

Without adequate systems to identify and recall contaminated produce, the occurrence and resultant outbreaks of food-borne illness and other health hazards will continue to be unacceptable.

Contaminants Introduction:

Introduction of bacterial or chemical contaminants could have adverse health consequences.

Policies and Procedures:

Farm name has instituted a traceback/traceforward system that will allow us to effectively identify and recover potentially adulterated, misbranded, or hazardous foods from trade and consumer channels.

1. **Farm name's** traceability system is as follows:

Insert traceability program here. Be sure to outline how you will identify crops harvested on a daily basis from each other. List all documents and records you keep of these activities in Appendix 8.1 including maps (Appendix 1.1).

A system has been developed to uniquely identify products and trace units of produce back to the:

- Packing facility
- Specific grower*
- Specific orchard/field*
- Harvest Date *
- Packing Date

*Indicate the necessary information required from field-pack operations that will go through an external packing house. The entire list of information is required of field-pack that pack their own produce.

2. **Farm name** has conducted a mock recall and documented its effectiveness:

Describe your mock recall procedures here. Include any documents or records you keep of these activities in Appendix 8.2.

Conduct a mock recall and document its effectiveness.

- Document the date and time of the practiced recall. A product should be able to be traced and accounted for within a maximum of 2 hours.

- Create a recall team complete with names, positions, and multiple contact numbers.
- Create a recall scenario - why the recall is occurring (example: food-borne illness, metal, poor quality)
- Create a step-by-step procedure of the recall.
- Write a summary of the practiced recall including the total percentage of product recalled.