

North Carolina Fruit and Vegetable Growers

Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)
Produce Safety Rule Compliance Training



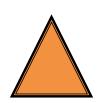
Please answer the following questions to determine if you need to attend these upcoming training sessions for compliance.*



- ✓ Do you grow only for personal or on-farm consumption?
- ✓ Do you sell less than \$25,000 average over previous 3 yrs. in produce annually?
- ✓ Do you only grow and sell these crops? Asparagus, Beans (black, northern, kidney, lima, navy, pinto), Beets, Cashews, Cherries (sour), Chickpeas, Cocoa beans, Coffee beans, Collards, Corn (sweet), Cranberries, Dates, Dill (seeds and weed), Eggplants, Figs, Ginger, Hazelnuts, Horseradish, Lentils, Okra, Peanuts, Pecans, Peppermint, Potatoes, Pumpkins, Squash (winter), Sweet potatoes, Water chestnuts
- ✓ Do you only grow produce that will be commercially processed in a manner that kills pathogens?

If you answered yes to one of these questions, you are exempt from the training requirement for FSMA. *

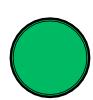
If NO, please continue reading...



- ✓ Are your annual food sales less than \$500,000 (this includes food or drink for people, animals and any component ex. beans used to grow sprouts)?
 AND
- ✓ Do you sell >50% of your annual food sales to restaurants and retail food establishments (including direct-to-store sales) located in your same state or within 275 miles of your farm; and/or consumers through direct marketing (such as internet sales, farmers markets, community supported agriculture)?

If you answered yes to BOTH of these, you are eligible for a qualified exemption and are not required to attend this training. *

How much produce do you grow, pack, hold and/or sell annually?



- ✓ More than \$500,000 annually? If yes, your Training Compliance deadline is January 26, 2018.
- ✓ Less than \$500,000 but more than \$250,000? If **yes**, your Training Compliance deadline is **January 28, 2019.**
- ✓ Less than \$250,000 but more than \$25,000? If **yes**, your Training Compliance deadline is **January 27, 2020.**

It is expected that participants have some food safety knowledge, like GAPs & food safety audits, before going to these trainings. If you're looking for training, check the website!

Upcoming Compliance Training <u>Dates and Locations</u>

December 6, 2016 Smithfield, NC January 12, 2017 Mills River, NC February 7, 2017 Asheville, NC

* Everyone is welcome to trainings. Other FSMA compliance areas may pertain to your farm operation.

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