

North Carolina Fruit and Vegetable Growers

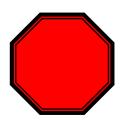
Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)

Produce Safety Rule GROWERS

Please answer the following questions

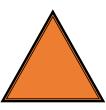
to determine where your farm falls under the Produce Safety Rule in 2019.





- ✓ Do you grow produce only for personal or on-farm consumption?
- ✓ Do you sell less than \$27,528 in produce (average sales over last 3 years)?
- 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 so, documentation will be needed to claim this exemption).

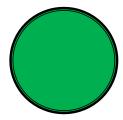
If you answered YES to one of these questions the farm is either not covered or exempt from the Produce Safety Rule. If you answered NO to one of the questions, continue reading.



- Are your average farm's <u>food</u> sales less than \$550,551 for the last 3 years? (Food is defined by FDA as items for food or drink for people and animals or any component to make it).
- 2. Have the <u>majority</u> of the <u>food</u> sales over the last three year period been to the end consumer (at farm stands, farmers markets, community supported agriculture, internet sales etc.) AND/OR to restaurants and retail food establishments (including direct-to-store sales) located in your same state OR within a 275 mile radius of your farm?

If you answered YES to BOTH 1 and 2, your farm is eligible for a qualified exemption and modified requirements. If you answered NO to one or both items, continue reading. For more information to comply with the PSR if your farm is in this category visit: https://ncfreshproducesafety.ces.ncsu.edu/what-are-the-requirements-for-small-and-medium-scale-farms/

If you made it to this section, your farm is a covered farm and the Produce Safety Rule requires your farm to have at least one supervisor or responsible party attend a Produce Safety Alliance Grower training by the compliance date and implement the practices outlined in the Rule. To determine the compliance date for your farm use the average <u>produce</u> sales for the last three years, not the food sales.



The average produce sales for the last three years are:

- ✓ Over \$550,551 ? If **yes**, your compliance date is **January 26,2018**.
- ✓ Less than \$550,551 in produce sales but more than \$250,000? If yes, your compliance date is January 26,2019.
- ✓ Less than \$250,000 but more than \$25,000 in produce sales? If **yes**, your compliance date is **January 26,2020.**

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For more information about FSMA's Produce Safety Rule visit: http://ncfreshproducesafety.ces.ncsu.edu