

Food Safety Begins on the Farm: A Grower Self Assessment of Food Safety Risks



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All growers of fruits and vegetables should answer the following questions and complete the sections for which they answered “Yes”:

Do You...	No	Yes	If Yes, proceed to tab and section listed.
...operate a farm that grows and/or markets fruits or vegetables?			Record Keeping
...have any employees or family members working on the farm?			Worker Hygiene and Training
...have a flush or portable toilet on the farm?			Toilet and Handwashing Facilities
...irrigate any produce acreage?			Water Use: Irrigation and Spray Water Quality
...apply any crop protectant or foliar sprays to produce?			Water Use: Irrigation and Spray Water Quality
...use water from an on-farm well for irrigation or sprays?			Water Use: On-Farm Wells
...use chemical pesticides for control of weeds, insects or diseases?			Pesticide Use
...apply manure (fresh or slurry) to your produce acreage at any point during the crop rotation?			Manure Use: Sources and Application Practices
...pile or store manure or slurry prior to land application?			Manure Use: On-Farm Manure Storage and Handling

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Do You...	No	Yes	If Yes, proceed to tab and section listed.
...produce your own compost or purchase it for land application?			Compost Use: Sources and On-farm Storage
...apply compost or compost teas to your produce acreage?			Compost Use: Compost Application Practices
...have farm animals that are the source of the manure for either field applications or for compost production?			Herd Health
...have domestic livestock (e.g. dairy, beef, poultry, etc.) on the farm?			Herd Health
...have problems with wild animals or birds in the field or packing house?			Wild Animals
...harvest produce from the field or greenhouse using hand labor?			Harvest Sanitation
...pack produce in the field?			Harvest Sanitation
...have a packing shed on the farm?			Postharvest Handling: Packing House Sanitation and Safety
...cool or store produce on the farm?			Postharvest Handling: Postharvest Handling of Produce
...produce cider or juice on your farm for sale?			Juice and Cider

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Do You...	No	Yes	If Yes, proceed to tab and section listed.
...direct market your produce through a farm stand, farmers market or a community supported agriculture venture?			Direct Marketing
...operate a U-Pick or pick your own operation?			U-Pick Operations
...have a petting zoo or allow domestic animals to roam freely on the farm?			Petting Zoos
...produce food that could be intentionally contaminated?			Farm Biosecurity
...operate a farm business?			Crisis Management

Now that you have decided which worksheets apply to your farm, begin your self assessment. The worksheets may be completed in any order, but make sure you complete all that apply.