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PRODUCE SAFETY Newsletter



Change is in the air...

Season's Greetings! We hope that everyone has had a wonderful harvest season.



With the changing of the season, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Food Safety, Hemp, and Hops has made some changes too! We have adopted a new newsletter delivery system to help us reach Idaho producers. Through our new delivery system, you will receive produce safety news including inspection updates, FDA updates, grower trainings and more! Additionally, you have the ability to unsubscribe from the emails if you feel that our newsletter does not apply to you or your operation. However, if you are not covered by the Produce Safety Rule and receive inspections, it is encouraged that you stay up to date with ISDA's FSMA news and changes.

UPDATES



COMPLIANCE DATES FOR SUBPART E:

Harvest and Post-Harvest Agricultural Water Only

As of January 26, 2024, all small, covered farms will be required to comply with the harvest and post-harvest agricultural water requirements of Subpart E. FDA has released a new [fact sheet](#) that provides a reminder to farmers of the requirements for harvest and post-harvest agricultural water requirements. Harvest and post-harvest agricultural water requirements for very small farms covered under the Produce Safety Regulation are expected to comply beginning January 26, 2025.

[FDA's Proposed Rule](#)



Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) Grower Training

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture in collaboration with University of Idaho Extension, will be presenting three Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training Courses this winter, both in-person and remotely via Zoom Online Conference platform.

PSA Grower Training Dates:

In-Person: Caldwell, ID
December 13th, 2023
8 am – 5 pm MST

Remote: Zoom – Two Day Training
January 9th - 10th, 2024
9:30 am – 2 pm MST each day

Remote: Zoom – Two Day Training
February 6th – 7th, 2024
9:30 am – 2 pm MST each day

[Register Here!](#)

For questions, contact us at
fsma@isda.idaho.gov

WANT HELP WITH YOUR RECORDKEEPING?

Click below to follow the University of Idaho's step-by-step [Recordkeeping Guide!](#)



*Note: Qualified exempt farms are already required to submit a new verification form annually. If your operation holds a qualified exemption and you have not submitted a new verification for 2023, please **give us a call!** --->*

DID YOU KNOW?

Farms are required to notify ISDA any time there is a significant change with their operation such as average produce and/or food sales or a change in produce grown. Simply give us a call, send an email, or submit a new [verification form](#).

By providing this information, we can update your operation as necessary to ensure that your status is current.

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Below are a few links to some of the most important and relevant information regarding the Produce Safety Rule.

[FSMA News and Updates](#)

Includes updates from FDA, ISDA, and any general program updates.

[Produce Safety Rule Resources](#)

Here you can find fact sheets for each subpart of the Produce Safety Rule, fillable verification forms and worksheets to help determine coverage, [PDFs of handwashing signs](#), and resources available at [Produce Safety Alliance \(PSA\)](#).

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture and University of Idaho Extension, have created seven [videos](#) to enable producers and their staff to come to a better understanding of the Produce Safety Rule in everyday operations.



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