# **On-Farm Readiness Review**



## WHAT IS AN ON-FARM READINESS REVIEW?

On-Farm Readiness Review (OFRR) is a collaborative project intended to help prepare farmers for compliance with the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule (PSR) that was finalized in 2015 and implemented in January of 2018.

On-Farm Readiness Reviews:

- Assist farmers with understanding how the PSR applies to their operation.
- Are voluntary, non-regulatory reviews to prepare farmers for regulatory inspections if they are covered by the PSR.
- Provide specific educational tools to individual operations on how to comply with the PSR.

## Who will perform my OFRR?

The Idaho OFRR team will consist of 2-3 Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) personnel and University of Idaho Extension personnel. The team will provide the farmer with information on the PSR regulation including education and technical assistance.



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## Reasons for participating in an OFRR:

- It is voluntary and no cost to the farmer.
- It will help farmers align what they are doing with what is required in the rule.
- It will help farmers implement on-farm produce safety practices.
- It provides a personalized discussion about the farm's food safety activities.
- All notes taken by the farmer and by the reviewers remain the property of the farmer.
- It will improve the farmer's readiness for a PSR regulatory inspection.
- It will provide the farmer with an opportunity to get acquainted with outreach and other educational opportunities.
- Reference Manual provided to participant.

## HOW DO I PREPARE FOR A REVIEW?

- Attend a Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) Grower Training Course and review course material prior to an On-Farm Readiness Review.
- Review The Idaho State Department of Agriculture's FSMA website.
- Review your farm's food safety plan, if you have one, and review your farm's recordkeeping documentation.
- Prepare a list of questions to ask the On-Farm Readiness Review Team during the review.

## How do I schedule an OFRR?

If you are interested in scheduling an On-Farm Readiness Review, please contact the Idaho State Department of Agriculture at 208-332-8502.

#### For more information visit or call: Idaho State Department of Agriculture

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