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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!

## 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.

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### PRODUCE SAFETY ALLIANCE (PSA) GROWER TRAINING

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

### PSA GROWER TRAINING DATES:

**In-Person:** Caldwell, ID - December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
8 am –5 pm MST

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

**Remote:** Zoom – Two Day Training - February 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
9:30 am – 2 pm MST each day

Check out our website for some of the most important and relevant information regarding the Produce Safety Rule!  
There, you can find:

#### **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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