



## Idaho Produce Safety Video Series

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# Introduction

**W**elcome! This is the first video in a series prepared to educate you on 21 CFR Part 112-Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption; also known as The Produce Safety Rule.

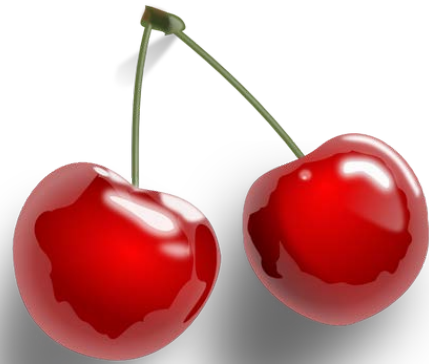
**T**he Food Safety Modernization Act is a science-based approach to proactive food safety from field to fork. This act includes the farthest-reaching changes to food safety laws in the United States since 1938 and is focused on preventing foodborne illness outbreaks by reducing microbial risk.




The Food Safety Modernization Act includes seven new federal rules that address the safety of produce, human food, animal food, transportation, and imported food.

**T**he Produce Safety Rule focuses on on-farm activities and established science based minimum standards for the safe growing, harvesting, packing and holding of produce, which is generally consumed raw. The Produce Safety Rule requires operations that conduct these activities comply with the standards set forth in this rule.

The Produce Safety Rule sets standards for: personnel qualifications and training, health and hygiene, agricultural water, biological soil amendments of animal origin and human waste, domesticated and wild animals, growing, harvesting, packing and holding activities, equipment, tools, buildings and sanitation, sprout production, and last but not least, recordkeeping.

**A**s you see here, operations started complying with the standards of the Produce Safety rule in a staggered schedule which began in January 2018 with regulatory inspections beginning in 2019 for certain operations.



Business Size	 Compliance Dates for Sprouts	 Compliance Dates For Most Produce	 Water Related Compliance Dates <sup>1</sup>	Compliance Date for Qualified Exemption Labeling Requirement <sup>2</sup>	Compliance Date for Retention of Records Supporting a Qualified Exemption
All other businesses (>\$500K)	1/26/17	1/26/18	1/26/22	1/1/2020	1/26/16
Small businesses (>\$250K-500K) <sup>3</sup>	1/26/18	1/28/19	1/26/23		
Very small businesses (>\$25K-250K) <sup>4</sup>	1/28/19	1/27/20	1/26/24		

<sup>1</sup> According to the [Proposed Rule](#) issued 9/13/17, Compliance dates for Subpart E, Agricultural Water, allow an additional four years.

<sup>2</sup> A farm eligible for a qualified exemption must notify consumers as to the complete business address of the farm where the food is grown, harvested, packed, and held. <sup>3</sup> A farm is a small business if, on a rolling basis, the average annual monetary value of produce sold during the previous 3-year period is no more than \$500,000.

<sup>4</sup> A farm is a very small business if, on a rolling basis, the average annual monetary value of produce sold during the previous 3-year period is no more than \$250,000.

Before the compliance date, every covered farm that does not qualify for an exemption must have a supervisor (such as a farm owner/operator) complete a standardized food safety training program. You can find out more about food safety training from the Produce Safety Alliance. <https://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/training>

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We hope this information is helpful to you as we move forward into these training videos. We have separate video training modules for each part of the Produce Safety Rule. These video modules can be used to teach specific standards and sections of the Produce Safety Rule, or for training about the rule in its entirety.

If at any time you have questions regarding how the Produce Safety Rule might apply to you or what compliance with the rule will look like moving forward, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture or University of Idaho Extension. We look forward to assisting you. Thank you for your commitment to produce safety. Let's get started!

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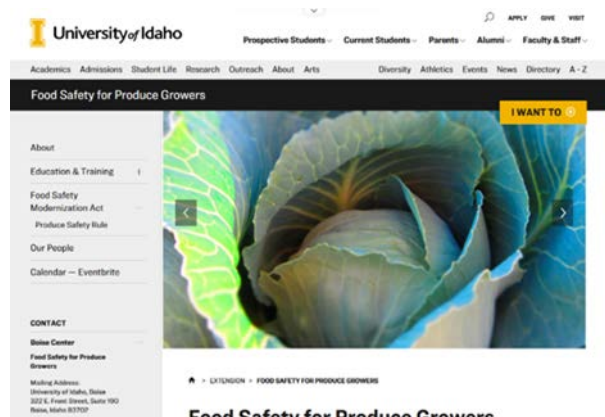
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