



## Food Safety for Idaho Produce Growers

### Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)

- FSMA gives the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authority to regulate food from farm to fork and to better protect the public by strengthening the food safety system.
- FSMA was signed into law on January 4, 2011, the nation's largest overhaul of federal food safety laws since 1938.
- The goal is to prevent foodborne outbreaks before they occur, shifting from reactionary to proactive.
- The seven FSMA rules address produce, human food, animal food, transportation, and imported food.



### Produce Safety Rule (PSR)

- The Produce Safety Rule is part of FSMA
- It establishes science-based minimum standards for the safe **growing, harvesting, packing, and holding of fruits and vegetables** grown for human consumption.

**Are you covered by the rule?**  
**Find out at [bit.ly/psrdecisiontool](https://bit.ly/psrdecisiontool)**







<https://agri.idaho.gov/main/inspections/fsma-main/>

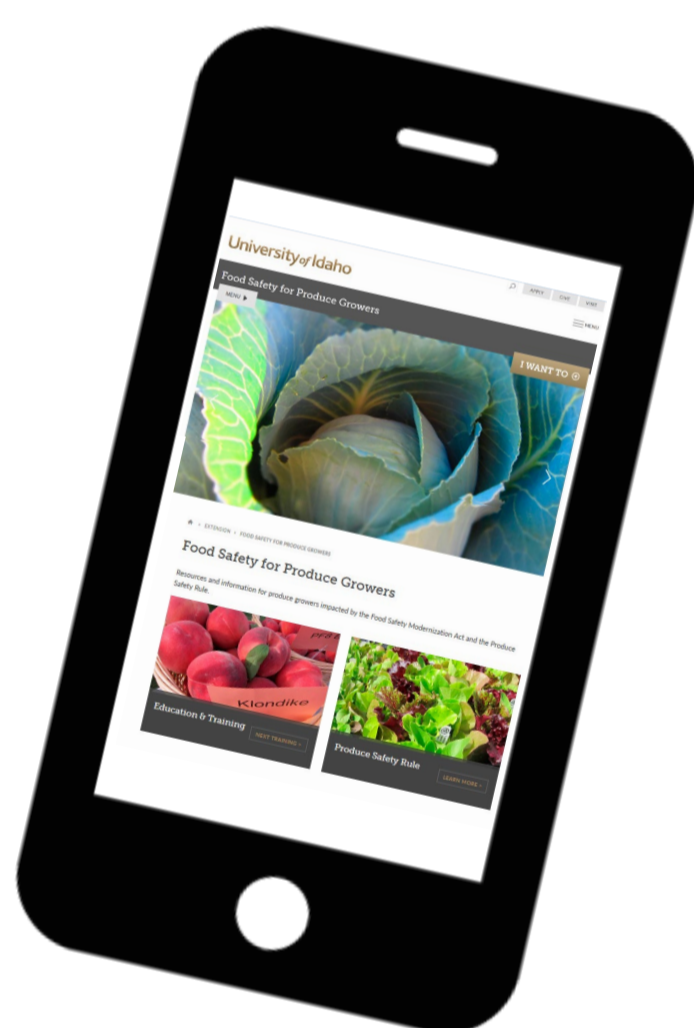
## Idaho State Department of Agriculture's Role

The ISDA, through an FDA grant, has been working to understand the scope of produce grown in Idaho that is covered by the Produce Safety Rule. The goal of this grant is to implement an integrated food-safety program that will prevent or significantly reduce the likelihood of a foodborne illness through standardized and consistent implementation of the Produce Safety Rule.

Throughout this year and the next several years, ISDA and grant partner, University of Idaho (UI) Extension, will be working together to provide **outreach, education, and technical assistance** to the produce industry to help them comply with the Produce Safety Rule.

- ISDA formed a FSMA advisory committee in 2015 to help provide leadership and guidance to Idaho agencies on the implementation of the FSMA rules. Members include legislators and representatives from each sector of the agriculture industry and businesses that may be affected by FSMA. This committee is essential to the implementation of the Produce Safety Rule in Idaho.

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## University of Idaho Extension's Role

University of Idaho Extension provides reliable, research based education and information to help people, businesses and communities solve problems, develop skills and build a better future.

University of Idaho Extension, in partnership with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, is also working to meet the education and outreach needs of produce growers across Idaho. Funding through this partnership has enabled Extension to offer the following resources to Idaho producers:

- A full time associate Extension educator focused on commercial produce safety
- Faculty members across the state trained and certified to teach Produce Safety Alliance courses and conduct On Farm Readiness Reviews prior to possible inspection
- Produce Safety Alliance courses offered statewide at significantly reduced cost
- Web resources, including an easy to use, online decision tool to help growers anonymously self-determine their likely compliance or exemption status

University of Idaho, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Idaho counties cooperating.  
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