

SPRING 2024



PRODUCE SAFETY Newsletter



Spring learning with ISDA



This spring, our team would like to remind you that covered farms are currently inspected on a 3-year rotating basis. For those farms receiving an inspection this year, expect us to contact you soon and begin the scheduling process.

To get your operation prepared for an inspection, please let us know if you'd like to schedule a free, voluntary On-Farm Readiness Review.

UPDATES



FREE PRODUCE SAFETY 2024 WEBINAR SERIES:

Our annual webinar series assists growers in implementing food safety practices and preparing for successful inspections. Topics were selected based on direct feedback from Idaho producers and feature speakers chosen for their expertise in addressing these subjects.

[Register here!](#)

Each one hour webinar is free, to sign up [click here](#).

Developing an Environmental Monitoring Program for On-Farm Food Safety

April 4th, 2024
1 pm - 2 pm MST

Record Keeping for Produce Safety, Simplified

April 18th, 2024
9 am - 10 am MST

Growing Microgreens and Mushrooms with Food Safety in Mind

April 25th, 2024
9 am - 10 am MST

COMPLIANCE DATES FOR SUBPART E:

Harvest and Post-Harvest Agricultural Water Only

As of January 26, 2024, all small covered farms are 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.



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](#)

WANT HELP WITH YOUR RECORDKEEPING?

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



DID YOU KNOW?

*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 2024, please **give us a call!** --->*

Farms must 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 to ensure 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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LET US KNOW HOW WE ARE DOING!

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