

Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) Grower Training Course

Hosted by University of Vermont Extension & Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Date: March 19, 2019

Time: 8:00 AM–5:45 PM

Location:

University of Vermont (UVM) Extension Middlebury Office
23 Pond Lane, Suite 300
Middlebury, VT 05754-1189

Registration Link: <https://www.regonline.com/producesafetyalliancemicmiddlebury>

Registration deadline: March 13, 2019. This training will be limited to 20 participants.

Who Should Attend

Fruit and vegetable growers and others interested in learning about produce safety, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), and co-management of natural resources and food safety.

Benefits of Attending

This training satisfies the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement for covered farms that "at least one supervisor or responsible party" completes "food safety training ... recognized as adequate" by FDA (21 C.F.R. §112.22(c)).

Contact the Vermont Produce Program at the Agency of Agriculture to determine if your farm is covered by the FSMA Produce Safety Rule. AGR.FSMA@vermont.gov or (802) 522-3132.

Growers that wish to participate in an On-Farm Readiness Review (OFRR) conducted by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture and UVM Extension should complete this training prior to scheduling an OFRR. An On-Farm Readiness Review is a voluntary, non-regulatory assessment to help farms prepare for Produce Safety Rule compliance. [Learn more.](#)

Cost to Attend

The discounted registration fee of \$20 includes beverages, lunch, and snacks; PSA Grower Training Manual (\$60 value); and Certificate of Course Attendance from AFDO (\$35 value).

After attending the entire course, participants will receive a certificate from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) that verifies they have completed the training course. To receive an AFDO certificate, a participant **must be present for the entire training** and submit the appropriate paperwork to their trainer at the end of the course.

See reverse for additional information.

What to Expect at the PSA Grower Training Course

The trainers will cover the content contained in these seven modules:

- Introduction to Produce Safety
- Worker Health, Hygiene, and Training
- Soil Amendments
- Wildlife, Domesticated Animals, and Land Use
- Agricultural Water (Part I: Production Water; Part II: Postharvest Water)
- Postharvest Handling and Sanitation
- How to Develop a Farm Food Safety Plan

In addition to learning about produce safety best practices, key parts of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements are outlined within each module. There will be time for questions and discussion, so participants should come prepared to share their experiences and produce safety questions.

Additional Information

For more information about scheduled PSA Grower Training Courses, please visit the PSA website at <http://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu>.

For questions about this course, please contact—

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To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Dana Ruppert at (802) 257-7967 ex 302 or dana.ruppert@uvm.edu by February 28, 2019 so we may assist you.

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