

Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) Grower Training Course

Choose from two PSA Grower Training Courses in VT this fall!

October 24-25, 2018 at the Bakery Annex in Rutland, VT

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

Cost to attend: \$20

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/2LlvBSJ>

This training will be limited to 30 participants.

November 8, 2018 at the Upper Valley Food Cooperative in White River Junction, VT

Hosted by University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, New Hampshire Department of Agriculture Markets & Food, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets, New England Farmers Union & Local Food Safety Collaborative

Cost to attend: \$22

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/PSA-Training>

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)).

Visit <https://go.usa.gov/xPjYK> to determine if your farm may be covered by the FSMA Produce Safety Rule.

Growers that wish to participate in an On-Farm Readiness Review (OFRR) conducted by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture and University of Vermont 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 here: <https://go.usa.gov/xPjY8>.

Cost to Attend

The discounted registration fees include coffee, tea, and other 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.

This course will include a supplemental hands-on activity and demonstration surrounding cleaning and sanitizing tools and equipment. Course attendees should prepare for this activity by reflecting on their current cleaning and sanitizing procedures for tools and equipment used on their farm.

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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