



FSMA Produce Safety Rule Training for California Specialty Crop Growers

Focusing on small to mid-sized operations

Project Overview

The goal of this project is to support California specialty crop growers as they work to meet the new compliance standards of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule (PSR). WIFSS at UC Davis and UC ANR will develop educational, training, and resource materials that can be shared with growers directly or through extension specialists, farm advisors, or industry groups. The materials will be made available online and in multiple languages (Spanish, Hmong, Mandarin, and English) to meet the diverse needs of California specialty crop growers.

Proposed Training Topics

- Agricultural Water
- Biological Soil Amendments
- Domestic & Wild Animals
- Worker Training
- Worker Health & Hygiene
- Cleaning & Maintenance of Farm Equipment & Tools
- Overview of FSMA & the PSR
- Implementation of a Food Safety Plan

Benchmarks

- 1 Gather needs assessment information through an advisory committee and stakeholders meeting to guide the development of materials for CA specialty crop growers.
- 2 Develop education, training, and/or resource materials and translate (Spanish, Hmong, and Mandarin) on topics most relevant to CA specialty crop growers to help them meet new FSMA PSR requirements.
- 3 Engage in outreach efforts to disseminate the newly developed education materials to CA specialty crop growers through extension specialists, farm advisors, researchers, and industry groups.

Deliverables

- 1 Needs assessment based on survey data gathered from advisory committee members and CA specialty crop stakeholders
- 2a Online training modules, technical skills demonstration videos, teaching aids, and
- 2b FSMA-readiness self-assessment tools and train-the-trainer educational materials for CA specialty crop growers and small-mid-sized growers
- 3 Seven, in-person outreach workshops in different regions in CA for growers

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