

Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training & GAPs Course Tentative Agenda



Date: May 9, 2018
Time: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Calhoun County Extension Office, Pittsboro



Location: Calhoun County Extension Office, 121 Parker St, Pittsboro, MS 38951

Host: Mississippi State University

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Who Should Attend

Growers, packers, Extension agents, educators, industry suppliers and others interested in learning the requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule and certification. **It is required that each farm have at least one produce safety trained supervisor.**

What to Expect at the PSA Grower Training Course?

The trainers will spend approximately seven hours of instruction time covering content contained in seven modules:

8:15 AM	Registration and Refreshments
8:30 AM	Welcome and Introductions, <i>Pre-test and Survey</i>
9:00 AM	Module 1: Introduction to Produce Safety
10:00 AM	Module 2: Worker Health, Hygiene, and Training
11:00 AM	<i>Break</i>
11:15 AM	Module 3: Soil Amendments
12:00 PM	Module 4: Wildlife, Domesticated Animals, and Land Use
12:45 PM	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 PM	Module 5: Agricultural Water – Part I: Production Water
2:15 PM	Module 5: Agricultural Water – Part 2: Postharvest Water
3:15 PM	<i>Break</i>
3:30 PM	Module 6: Postharvest Handling and Sanitation
4:00 PM	Module 7: How to Develop a Farm Food Safety Plan
4:20 PM	<i>GAPs program and certification</i>
5:00 PM	<i>Final Questions and Evaluations & Post-test</i>

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 training also counts towards requirements for GAPs certification.

Benefits of Attending the Course

The course will provide a foundation of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and co-management information, FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements, and details on how to develop a farm food safety plan. Individuals who participate in this course are expected to gain a basic understanding of:

- Microorganisms relevant to produce safety and where they may be found on the farm
- How to identify microbial risks, practices that reduce risks, and how to begin implementing produce safety practices on the farm
- Parts of a farm food safety plan and how to begin writing one
- Requirements in the FSMA Produce Safety Rule and how to meet them.

After attending the entire course, participants will be eligible to 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.

Costs to Attend

A donation of \$100 per person is needed in order to cover manuals, certificates, and related expenses.

Directions to the training site(Calhoun Co. Extension Office)

https://www.google.com/maps/place/Calhoun+County+Extension+Office/@33.9329226,-89.3355239,15z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x862312ad1d24cac4?sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwis73f6N3aAhVhnuAKHWIDD_YQ_BllejAK

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Mr. Kevin Riggin, Director, Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Division, MDAC

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
Pittsboro Produce Safety Rule & GAPs Training- May 9th
\$ 100 per person donation

Name: _____

Farm/Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Crops/Products: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Bring/mail check or bring cash for \$100 per person made to MSU

E-Mail or Fax completed registration form by Thursday May 3rd to:

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