

FSMA Produce Safety Rule Guidance and New or Updated Resources from 2018

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FDA Resources

- **Draft Guidance for Industry: Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption**, November 2018 - <https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/ucm606284.htm> (152 pages) - at-a-glance overviews also available for each subpart covered in the guidance
 - Comment on draft guidance by April 22, 2019 (electronic comments are public; if you need to share sensitive data, please submit via mail – instructions at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)).
 - To submit electronic comments, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket No. FDA-2018-D-3631.
- **Guidance for Industry: Questions and Answers Regarding Food Facility Registration** (Seventh Edition), August 2018 - <https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/ucm331959.htm> (61 pages) - farms are not facilities and are not required to register, but in case you have questions regarding facilities or whether an activity is within the “farm” definition, this is a good resource
- **Equivalent Testing Methodology for Agricultural Water**, July 2018 - <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/FoodScienceResearch/LaboratoryMethods/UCM575255.pdf> (2 pages)
- **What to Expect Now That Larger Farms Must Comply with the FSMA Produce Safety Rule**, February 2018 - <https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm594712.htm>

Produce Safety Alliance Resources

Available at <https://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/resources/general-resource-listing/>

- **Records Required by the FSMA Produce Safety Rule** (updated Qualified Exemption record to align with FDA’s draft guidance)
- **The Water Analysis Method Requirement in the FSMA Produce Safety Rule** (updated to reflect FDA’s latest equivalent testing methodology update)
- **Introduction to Selecting an EPA-Labeled Sanitizer** (NEW)
- **Labeled Sanitizers for Produce - Excel Tool** (updated)

Other Resources

- **NECAFS Clearinghouse** (shared resources from across the country and shared responses from the Technical Assistance Network (TAN) – consider sharing useful responses you receive from the TAN) - <https://www.uvm.edu/extension/necafs/clearinghouse/>
- **On-Farm Readiness Review** – sign-up links by state available at <https://www.nasda.org/foundation/food-safety-cooperative-agreements/on-farm-readiness-review>