



# PRODUCE SAFETY



## **Training for Farmers and Growers on Produce Safety Rule**

*October 22, 2024*

**WHAT:** This one-day workshop is being offered to produce growers. The training will cover the standardized curriculum designed by the Produce Safety Alliance, which meets the regulatory requirements of the Produce Safety Rule under FSMA (Food Safety Modernization Act). 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:

- Requirements in the FSMA Produce Safety Rule and how to meet them successfully;
- 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; and
- Parts of a farm food safety plan and how to begin writing one.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 22, 2024

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Lunch provided by Lowndes*

*County Extension*

**\*\*Please bring \$20 in exact cash or check\*\***

**WHERE:** Lowndes County Extension Office

2102 East Hill Avenue

Valdosta, GA 31601

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Any produce grower who grows, packs, harvests, and/or holds covered produce, makes over \$25,000 in annual produce sales (on average, based on the past three years of sales), and does not qualify for a Produce Safety Rule exemption is *required* to attend this training under new federal regulations. *As of January 2018, larger grower operations (with more than \$500,000 in annual sales) must comply with the Produce Safety Rule.*

**WHY:** This PSA Grower Training Course satisfies the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement

**Registration deadline:** October 21, 2024

outlined in §112.22(c), which requires *‘At least one supervisor or responsible party for your farm must have successfully completed food safety training at least equivalent to that received under standardized curriculum recognized as adequate by the Food and Drug Administration.’*

**REGISTRATION:** To register, please follow the link: [rb.gy/7t7ram](https://rb.gy/7t7ram)

**Registration deadline:** March 11<sup>th</sup>