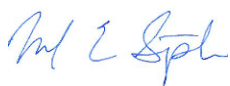




MEMORANDUM

TO: Area Produce (Fruit & Vegetable) Growers

FROM: Mark Sutphin, Associate Extension Agent, Horticulture


SUBJECT: **FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule Training – December 9, 2016**

Virginia Cooperative Extension will be holding an FDA approved FSMA Produce Safety Rule Training on **Friday, December 9, 2016**, at MidAtlantic Farm Credit – Winchester Office. This building is located at 125 Prosperity Drive, Winchester, Virginia 22602. The program will run from 8:30am to 4:30pm with registration starting at 8:00am.

Space is limited for this training and is geared towards operations that are covered by the FDA FSMA Produce Safety Rule. See the attached flowchart to help determine if your operation is covered by the ruling and thus requires compliance. “Covered” farm operations are required by law to have at least one “supervisor or responsible party” complete a training utilizing FDA approved curriculum. Full details regarding FSMA can be found on the U.S. Food & Drug Administration website: <http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm334114.htm>

There will be a \$150.00* registration fee for the primary attendee from each operation. This will include program materials, certificate, and lunch. Registration for additional attendees from an operation will be \$50.00* each and include a completion certificate and lunch. Pre-registration is required. Please **complete and return the enclosed registration form with payment (checks made payable to: *Treasurer, Virginia Tech*) by December 2, 2016**. Walk-in attendees will not be permitted. If you have any questions, I can be reached at the Frederick Office or by email: mark.sutphin@vt.edu.

*Cost reduction may apply for Virginia operations through VDACS grant funding. Please contact Mark Sutphin for specifics.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Mark Sutphin, Frederick County Extension, at (540) 665-5699/TDD (800) 828-1120 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations five days prior to the event.

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FSMA Produce Safety Rule Training –

Winchester, VA : December 9, 2016

Attendee Registration Form

Please return this form along with your \$150.00* (primary attendee) and \$50.00* (per additional attendee) registration fees **by December 2, 2016**. Please make checks payable to: ***Treasurer, Virginia Tech*** and submit to:

Virginia Cooperative Extension – Frederick County
107 North Kent Street
Winchester, VA 22601

Farm/Business Name: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Additional Attendees: _____

Additional Attendees: _____

Additional Attendees: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address(es): _____

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There will be a \$50.00 fee for all Returned Checks.

Refunds will not be available if notice is given after December 2, 2016.

Draft Agenda

8:00 am	Registration and refreshments
8:30 am	Welcome / Trainer Introductions / Course Expectations and Processes / Review of Manual Contents: <i>Mark Sutphin – VCE-Frederick County</i>
8:45 am	Module 1: Introduction to Produce Safety: <i>Adrianna Vargo – Local Food HUB</i>
9:30 am	Module 2: Worker Health, Hygiene, and Training: <i>Amber Vallotton – VCE Produce Food Safety Coordinator</i>
10:30 am	Introductions around the Room and Break
10:45 am	Module 3: Soil Amendments: <i>Kelli Scott – VCE-Montgomery County</i>
11:30 am	Lunch
12:00 pm	Module 4: Wildlife, Domesticated Animals, and Land Use: <i>Kelli Scott – VCE-Montgomery County</i>
12:45 pm	Module 5: Agricultural Water Part 1 – Production Water: <i>Laura Strawn – VT Assistant Professor, Food Science</i>
1:45 pm	Break
2:00 pm	Module 5: Agricultural Water Part 2 – Postharvest Water: <i>Laura Strawn – VT Assistant Professor, Food Science</i>
2:45 pm	Module 6: Postharvest Handling and Sanitation: <i>Adrianna Vargo – Local Food HUB</i>
3:45 pm	Module 7: How to Develop a Farm Food Safety Plan: <i>Amber Vallotton – VCE Produce Food Safety Coordinator</i>
4:30 pm	Wrap-up, Final Questions, and Next Steps

STANDARDS FOR PRODUCE SAFETY Coverage and Exemptions/Exclusions for 21 PART 112

The Preventive Controls for Human Food rule clarified the definition of a farm to cover two types of farm operations, primary production farms and secondary activities farms. The same definition is used in the Produce Safety rule [section 112.3(c)]. Below are basic criteria that determine whether an operation that meets the definition of "farm" is subject to the produce rule.

