### **Farm Food Safety**

## A Brief Introduction to the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)

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### Relevance to the Farm

- You can prevent and reduce risks on the farm
- You know your farm and practices better than anyone, but you may not know the consequences of your current practices on food safety risks
- Your actions directly impact food safety and the financial viability of your farm





# The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)

- FSMA includes:
  - Produce Safety Rule
  - Preventive Controls for Human Food
  - Preventive Controls for Animal Food
  - Foreign Supplier Verification Programs
  - Accreditation of Third-Party Auditors/Certification Bodies
  - Sanitary Transportation of Human and Animal Food
  - Prevention of Intentional Contamination/Adulteration
- Focused on prevention of food safety issues and encompasses the entire food system







### FSMA Produce Safety Rule

- First ever mandatory federal standard for growing, harvesting, packing, and holding of fresh produce
- Some growers may be eligible for an exemption or excluded based on:
  - Commodities grown (e.g., rarely consumed raw)
  - Processing activities that include a 'kill step'
  - Average annual produce sales
  - Average annual food sales and sales to 'qualified end users'
- Ultimately, <u>all</u> growers should understand and take action to reduce food safety risks on the farm



### What produce is exempt from the PS rule?

Sweet potatoes!



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- **Asparagus**; black, great Northern, kidney, lima, navy, and pinto beans; garden beets (roots and tops); sugar beets; cashews; sour cherries; chickpeas; cocoa beans; coffee beans; collards; sweet corn; cranberries; dates; dill (seeds and weed); eggplants; figs; ginger; hazelnuts; horseradish; lentils; okra; peanuts; pecans; peppermint; potatoes; pumpkins; winter squash; sweet potatoes; and water chestnuts.
- Food grains: barley, dent- or flint-corn, sorghum, oats, rice, rye, wheat, amaranth, quinoa, buckwheat, and oilseeds

## What is your farm income? Q4. What is Your Farm Income?

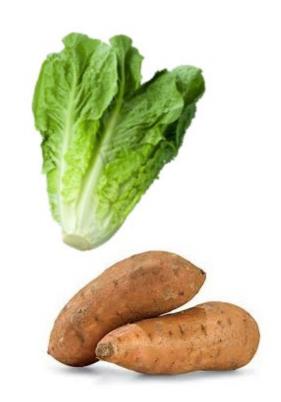
### **Average Annual Produce Sales**

Produce sales is greater than \$25K\*:

 Monetary value of all produce sales (covered and not covered)

Average annual produce sales:

 Rolling value based on sales over previous 3 years



Grossing >\$25K in annual sales? You *might* still be exempt depending on your market

## What requirements must I comply with? What Requirements Must I Comply With?

Standards for Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption

- Personnel qualifications and training
- Health and hygiene
- Agricultural water
- Biological soil amendments of animal origin
- Domesticated and wild animals
- Growing, harvesting, packing, and holding activities
- Equipment, tools, buildings, and sanitation
- Sprouts



### We are here to help!

- Produce Safety Alliance Grower Trainings
- On-Farm Readiness Reviews
- Farm visits and consultations

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