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FOOD SAFETY DIVISION  
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## Training for Farmers, Growers on Produce Safety Rule

*Hosted by the Georgia Department of Agriculture  
With lunch sponsored by Produce Food Safety Services*

**WHAT:** This free, one-day workshop is designed for farmers and growers in Georgia. The training will cover the standardized curriculum designed by the Produce Safety Alliance, which meets the regulatory requirements of the Produce Safety Rule under the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). 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:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., lunch is included. No registration fee for Georgia growers.

**WHERE:** University of Georgia Tifton Conference Center, 15 RDC Rd., Tifton, GA 31794

**WHO:** Anyone in Georgia 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 a reminder, larger grower operations (with more than \$500,000 in annual sales) will have to comply with the Produce Safety Rule by Jan. 2018.***

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

**HOW:** Register on or before Wed., May 24 at

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ee4en5hpb8718197&llr=fxchscmab>.

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