



PRODUCE SAFETY ALLIANCE (PSA) GROWER TRAINING COURSE

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OARDC Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering Building, Room 200
1680 Madison Ave, Wooster, OH 44691

Lead Trainer: Michelle Danyluk, University of Florida

Trainers: Sanja Ilic, Melanie Lewis Ivey and Beth Scheckelhoff, The Ohio State University

Who Should Attend

Fruit and vegetable growers and others interested in learning about produce safety, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), and co-management of natural resources and food safety should attend. The PSA Grower Training Course is one way to satisfy the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement outlined in § 112.22(c) that 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.'

What to expect at the PSA Grower Training Course

The trainers will spend approximately seven hours of instruction time covering content contained in the PSA Grower Training curriculum outlined in the draft agenda.

In addition to learning about produce safety best practices, key parts of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements are outlined within each module. There will be time for questions and discussion, so participants should come prepared to share their experiences and produce safety questions.

Cost to Attend

Registration cost is \$50. This cost covers course materials, certificate of attendance, and lunch.

To register, fill out the Grower Training Course registration form and send by mail or email to Allison Penate (penate.3@osu.edu) address: Gourley Hall 1680 Madison Ave, Wooster, OH 44691 phone number: 330-641-8147. Contact Dr. Sanja Ilic (ilic.2@osu.edu) with questions about the content of this PSA course.

Benefits of Attending the Course

The course will provide FSMA Produce Safety Rule training requirements. Individuals who participate in this course are expected to gain a basic understanding of:

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



After attending the entire course, participants will be eligible to receive a certificate from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) that verifies they have completed the training course. To receive an AFDO certificate, a participant must be present for the entire training and submit the appropriate paperwork to their trainer at the end of the course.

Additional Information

For more information about the PSA Grower Training Course, please visit the PSA website at <http://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu>.

AGENDA

- 8:00 AM Registration and Refreshments
- 8:30 AM Welcome and Introductions
- 9:00 AM Module 1: Introduction to Produce Safety
- 9:45 AM Module 2: Worker Health, Hygiene, and Training
- 10:45 AM *Break*
- 11:00 AM Module 3: Soil Amendments
- 11:45 AM Module 4: Wildlife, Domesticated Animals, and Land Use
- 12:30 PM *Lunch*
- 1:30 PM Module 5: Agricultural Water – Part I: Production Water
- 2:30 PM Module 5: Agricultural Water – Part 2: Postharvest Water
- 3:15 PM *Break*
- 3:30 PM Module 6: Postharvest Handling and Sanitation
- 4:30 PM Module 7: How to Develop a Farm Food Safety Plan
- 5:15 PM *Final Questions and Evaluations*
- 5:30 PM *Participants Adjourn – Day 1*