



Produce Safety Law

Compliance Dates



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Compliance Dates for Covered Produce

BUSINESS SIZE	SPROUTS	PRODUCE	AG WATER
Large (>\$500K)	1/26/2017	1/26/2018	1/26/2022
Small (>\$250K-\$500K)	1/26/2018	1/26/2019	1/26/2023
Very Small (>\$25K-\$250K)	1/26/2019	1/26/2020	1/26/2024

Exemptions

- If your produce is for personal on-farm consumption, your produce is not covered by the Federal Produce Safety regulation.
- If the produce you grow is only the kind the FDA defines as “rarely consumed raw” your produce is exempt.
- If your produce is intended for commercial processing that adequately reduces harmful microorganisms, your produce is eligible for an exemption.
- If your farm on average had less than \$500,000 annual food sales for the last three years and a majority of the food is sold directly to qualified end-users, then your farm is eligible for a qualified exemption from this law.
- If your farm grows, harvests, packs or holds produce you might be covered.
- If your farm on average had more than \$25,000 in annual produce sales in the last three years, you might be covered.

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