

FSMA WATER TESTING-PRODUCE SAFETY



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THE HARVEST AND POST HARVEST AGRICULTURAL WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCE FARMS WERE FINALIZED BY FDA IN JANUARY 2023. AGRICULTURAL WATER TESTING AS REQUIRED IN THE FDA PRODUCE SAFETY RULE IS NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH THE VDACS REGIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH LABORATORIES (RAHLS).

Testing platform: IDEXX Quanti-Tray method

Where available: All four Regional Animal Health Laboratories

Cost: \$21 per sample

Collection supplies and forms can be obtained from the RAHL- Please call for information!

*Samples must arrive at RAHLs for testing no more than 28 hours from collection.

*Samples are not accepted by RAHLs on Fridays as they take 24 hours to incubate and read.

What specific microbial quality criteria apply to agricultural water used for certain intended uses? (See 21 CFR 112.44(a)) When agricultural water is used for any one or more of the purposes described in § 112.44(a), then the farm must ensure there is no detectable generic E. coli per 100 ml of agricultural water and must not use untreated surface water for any of those purposes. Visit <https://www.fda.gov/media/164540/download> to learn more.



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