

# Attention Produce Growers!

**The State of Alaska, in cooperation with the Cornell Produce Safety Alliance, is holding a Produce Growers Food Safety Workshop**



When: Saturday, July 8, 2017 9AM to 5PM

Location: Alaska Garden & Pet (Mill & Feed) 1301 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave (corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave & Post Rd) Anchorage

Cost: The course and materials are free.

This FDA-approved course satisfies the Grower Training curriculum requirements under the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule. Growers can also receive a certificate of attendance for \$35. Funding provided by an FDA-State of Alaska cooperative grant.

Hosted by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's Office of the State Veterinarian, the State of Alaska's only certified lead trainer for the FDA Produce Safety Grower Training course.

## Who Should Attend?

Commercial fruit and vegetable growers, farmers' market vendors, and others interested in learning about produce safety, the FSMA Produce Safety Rule, and Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs).

## What to Expect:

We will spend approximately seven hours of instruction time covering content contained in these seven modules:

- Introduction to Produce Safety
- Worker Health, Hygiene, and Training
- Soil Amendments
- Wildlife, Domesticated Animals, and Land Use
- Agricultural Water (Part I: Production Water; Part II: Postharvest Water)
- Postharvest Handling and Sanitation
- How to Develop a Farm Food Safety Plan

The course will provide a foundation of GAPs, information on FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements, and details on how to develop a farm food safety plan. Individuals who participate in this course will 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 food safety practices on your farm
- Requirements of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule and how to meet them

*To register, or for more information, please call Barbara Hanson at the DEC Office of the State Veterinarian at (907) 375-8278 or email: [barbara.hanson@alaska.gov](mailto:barbara.hanson@alaska.gov)*

