

PRODUCE SAFETY ALLIANCE GROWER TRAINING



The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the UAF Cooperative Extension Service are offering Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training courses this spring. This training is an FDA-approved course that satisfies the grower training curriculum requirements under the Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule. The course is open to any grower interested in learning about produce safety.

There is **NO CHARGE** for class participants.

Funding is provided by an FDA-State of Alaska Cooperative Agreement.

Growers who attend all seven modules of the training will receive a FREE Certificate of Course Completion.

Participants 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; and
- Requirements of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule and how to meet them

This class covers the following 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



This training will be held remotely using video conferencing software.

Note: Participants must have a computer or mobile device with audio and video capabilities, as well as access to a strong internet connection and adequate bandwidth. Attendees who wish to receive a Certificate of Course Completion will be required to use the web camera to ensure participation.

March Option

Thursday, March 28, 2024 (9:00 am—3:30 pm)

and

Friday, March 29, 2024 (9:00 am—3:30 pm)

April Option

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 (9:00 am—3:30 pm)

and

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 (9:00 am—3:30 pm)

Contact the DEC Produce Safety Team (producesafety@alaska.gov) to register.

Space will be limited, so pre-registration is required. Registration closes 3/13/24 for the March class and 3/25/24 for the April class.

For more information, or if you require accommodation for a disability, please contact the DEC Produce Safety Team at producesafety@alaska.gov or (907) 375-8200.

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