

## What is the Produce Rule?

Overseen by the US FDA, this new law includes science-based minimum standards for the safe growing, harvesting, packing, and holding of fruits and vegetables.

**This is the first time in U.S. history that food safety rules have been required on farms that grow produce.**

## When does it go into effect?

### Large Farm

**JANUARY 2018**

Sells more than \$500,000 in produce each year



### Small Farm

**JANUARY 2019**

Sells \$250,001-\$500,000 in produce each year



### Very Small Farm

**JANUARY 2019**

Sells \$25,000-\$250,000 in produce each year



## Who does it apply to?

Farms that grow, harvest, pack or hold produce that will be consumed:



**Raw**



**In the US (applies domestic and international producers)**



**With annual produce sales >\$25,000\***

For more details see FDA's Flowchart  
<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/UCM472499.pdf>

\*There are several exemptions and variances to the regulation, more details here:  
<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm334114.htm#exemptions>

## Why does it matter?

Everyone deserves food that is healthy, nutritious and safe.

Put simply, it's the right thing to do.

## What are the requirements of the new law?

The Produce Rule requirements cover 5 main areas of on-farm risks for potential produce contamination:

-  **Agricultural Water Quality**
-  **Employee Health and Hygiene**
-  **Animals**
-  **Compost and Manure**
-  **Equipment, Tools, and Buildings**

The LGMA will ensure that compliance with our food safety practices equals compliance with the Produce Rule.

Currently, the LGMA food safety practices meet or exceed nearly all the Produce Rule requirements.

