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QUICK GUIDE TO FOOD SAFETY RESOURCES



This guide is designed as an annotated bibliography to help you discover resources for developing a food safety plan on your farm. It includes templates, websites, research, and resource libraries with offerings at all literacy levels. Each resource listed hosts downloadable documents and links to more information!

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PennState Extension

*Tools for Writing a Food Safety Plan,
2023.*

This resource, provided by Penn State Extension, offers templates, checklists, and logs that can help farmers in writing farm food safety plans for fruit and vegetable operations. It was developed by Professor of Food Science, Luke Laborde, and former extension educator, Lee Stivers. Languages: English and Spanish.

Available at <https://extension.psu.edu/tools-for-writing-a-farm-food-safety-plan>



**THE UNIVERSITY OF
MAINE**
Cooperative Extension

*Jumpstart to Farm Food Safety with
Extension
University of Maine Cooperative
Extension, 2021.*

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension and the University of New Hampshire have partnered to offer technical assistance to farmers who want to write food safety plans. Through their Jumpstart to Farm Food Safety program, this partnership has various health & safety resources, including staff safety and training, soil health, and water safety and testing. Languages: English, some Spanish-language resources.

Available at <https://extension.umaine.edu/food-health/jumpstart-to-farm-food-safety/resources/>



CAFF
COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
with FAMILY FARMERS

*Food Safety Plan Templates
Community Alliance with Family
Farmers, 2021.*

This page contains printable templates and documents in both Microsoft Word and Google Doc formats that allow you to fill out your farm's unique practices. Topics include recordkeeping, traceability and recall, and training documents. Languages: English, Spanish, and Hmong.

Available at <https://caff.org/food-safety/food-safety-plan-templates/>



*Food Safety Plan Template
Michigan State University
Extension, 2021.*

This is a downloadable Microsoft Word template with examples and instructions for proper food safety planning. This resource is comprehensive and can help you build a good routine with produce safety practices on your farm. Languages: English.

Available at
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/food-safety-plan-template>



College of Agriculture
and Life Sciences

*Farm Food Safety Plan Writing
Resources*

Cornell's Product Safety Alliance provides industry and commodity-specific resources for writing food safety plans from distinguished land grant universities. In addition, they also provide general and trainer resources for produce safety on farms. Languages: English and Spanish.

Available at <https://cals.cornell.edu/produce-safety-alliance/resources>



*Compliance Criteria for CQP/MGAP
Practices and Inspections Under the
Food Safety Modernization Act's
Produce Safety Rule
Massachusetts Department of
Agricultural Resources, 2021.*

This document gives an overview and criteria of MDAR's Commonwealth Quality Program in relation to the Produce Safety Rule in the Food Safety Modernization Act. This checklist provides the operation requirement and the compliance criteria that further enhances the farmers understanding of the requirement. Languages: English.

Available at
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/commonwealth-quality-program-cqp-compliance-criteria-for-produce/download>



**PRODUCE
SAFETY
SCIENCE**

#MakeContact

*Youtube Educational Videos and
Resources*

*Contact Produce Safety Science and
Research*



**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
EXTENSION**

*Growing Safe Food University of
Minnesota Extension, 2023.*

NECAFS

The Northeast Center to
Advance Food Safety



*NECAFS Hosted Resources The
Northeast Center to Advance Food
Safety, UVM Extension*

Through the University of Florida Extension, this research project teams up with many different researchers and land grant universities to produce and disseminate produce safety research through webinars, institutional research, surveys, and social media. Languages: English.

Available at

<https://contactproducesafety.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/>

https://www.youtube.com/@PS_Sci/about

This collection of resources is meant to help you write a food safety plan as well as prepare for GAP audits and understand food safety within different programs on your farm. Other sources found here are information about the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and on-farm safety tutorials. Languages: English

Available at

<https://extension.umn.edu/safety/growing-safe-food#cleaning-and-sanitizing-1346161>

NECAFS is a USDA funded regional center for food safety education, training, and technical assistance for the US Northeast's small producers. Their goal is to increase fundamental understandings of produce safety in regional educators and legislators. They host a number of different resources, including past webinars, produce safety handbooks, interactive maps, and factsheets. Languages: English.

Available at

<https://www.uvm.edu/extension/necafs>



*Produce Safety Resources
Chesapeake Ag Innovation Center*

The Chesapeake Ag Innovation Center works with hard-to-reach farmers, working with them one-on-one to provide the most practical advice about produce safety practices on their operations. They provide comprehensive resources to view or download from Google Drive on topics such as agricultural water, land use, traceability and recall, cleaning and sanitation, and worker training as well as a plethora of outside resources. Languages: English.

Available at <https://caic.org/resource/>



*Policy and Food Safety Resources
Western Regional Center to
Enhance Food Safety, Oregon State
University*

This is a collection of resources spanning from a range of demonstration and training videos on their YouTube channel, factsheets, interactive maps, and guides on how to participate in policy making. The purpose of these resources is to educate all farmers of food safety at different scales and in various contexts, like pandemics, power outages, and wildfires. Languages: English, select resources available in Spanish, Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, French, and Haitian Creole.

Available at <https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/wrcefs>



*Small Farm Food Safety University
of California Davis*

UC Davis has published a comprehensive collection of food safety resources for farmers in California and across the US. The resources cover all aspects that are required for the Produce Safety Alliance and applications of food safety during times of flooding. Languages: English, Spanish, Mandarin, and Hmong.

Available at
<https://ucsmallfarmfoodsafety.ucdavis.edu/>



*Food Safety Outreach Resources and
National Project Directors' Meeting
Southern Center for Food Safety
Outreach and Technical Assistance*



*The Food Safety Dish National
Farmers Union Local Food
Safety Collaborative*



*Local Food Safety Collaborative
National Farmers Union*

This resource provides helpful links to the most current research being conducted in food safety at the agricultural level. The overall goal of the Southern Center is to build a collaborative infrastructure in the Southern US to support Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) compliant training, education, extension, outreach, and technical assistance as it relates to the produce industry. Languages: English

Available at <https://sc.ifas.ufl.edu/>

In addition to the resources listed above, the National Farmers Union also puts out a weekly podcast discussing different topics in food safety and topics in agriculture as they pertain to food safety on the farm. Tune in to hear farmers and experts working in extension, research, and agricultural science teach all things food safety. Episodes are typically 40-60 minutes released every Tuesday. Languages: English

Available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Stitchr, and anywhere podcasts are found

The National Farmers Union is growing a Food Safety Training Network to diversify training methods and awareness of geographic and population needs for food safety across the country. They provide a number of different resources aggregated from their partners to strengthen the community understanding of produce safety compliance. Languages: English

Available at <https://nfu.org/local-food-safety-collaborative/>

K-STATE

Research and Extension

*Extension Produce Safety Toolkit
Kansas State University Research and
Extension*

This resource library has detailed and extensive resources for FSMA guidelines, USDA GAP auditing, produce safety guidance, water testing, and EPA Worker Protection Standards (WPS). Resources include webinars, logbook templates, decision making trees, a produce traceability app, and more. Languages: English.

Available at <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/foodsafety/produce/>



*Food Safety Preventive Controls
Alliance Resources Illinois Institute
of Technology*

The Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance is committed to providing information and guidance on all parts of the FSMA rule. Their resources range from general knowledge for all industries to industry specific compliance regulations. They also post recordings of webinars that they host covering FSMA rules and regulations with downloadable PowerPoints. Languages: English.

Available at <https://www.ifsh.iit.edu/fspca/fspca-webinars>



*Native Food Safety Indigenous
Food and Agriculture Initiative,
University of Arkansas*

This program has collected and developed food safety resources that can be used by all farmers, though they serve to educate Tribal Nations about food safety protocols. The resources available include online tools, webinars, factsheets, and log templates for recordkeeping. IFAI produces resources that inform Tribal Nations about legal issues in Tribal food safety and informs Tribal growers of compliance standards. Languages: English

Available at
<https://www.nativefoodsafety.org/new-index>



*Food Safety Resource Clearinghouse
NECAFS, University of Vermont*

If you have looked at any or all of the above resources, you may have noticed that the Food Safety Resource Clearinghouse is on almost every resource library page. It is a crowdsourced resource library that is able to filter through any search you may be looking for. Topics include anything under the Produce Safety Rule and Preventative Controls for Human Foods. You are also able to filter by language and resources for or produced by a specific state. Languages: English, Spanish, Hmong, Dari, Nepali, and Lu Mein.

Available at
<https://www.foodsafetyclearinghouse.org/>