

THE NCDA&CS AND NC STATE EXTENSION ARE HERE TO HELP PREPARE YOUR FARM FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE PRODUCE SAFETY RULE

REQUEST A FREE ON-FARM READINESS REVIEW TODAY

CONTACT THE NCDA&CS PRODUCE SAFETY PROGRAM OUTREACH COORDINATOR TO REQUEST AN OFRR:

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WHAT IS AN ON-FARM READINESS REVIEW?

An OFRR is a voluntary, educational, non-regulatory, and confidential review of a farm's readiness for compliance with the Produce Safety Rule. OFRRs provide farmers with information and resources to assist in meeting the requirements of the PSR and prepare for inspections.

WHO CONDUCTS AN ON-FARM READINESS REVIEW?

An OFRR is conducted jointly by a member of the NCDA&CS Produce Safety Program and a member of NC State Extension, along with yourself. You are also welcome to invite anyone else you would like to join along.

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR AN ON-FARM READINESS REVIEW?

Attend a Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training Course to provide yourself with the essential background knowledge about the FSMA Produce Safety Rule and recommended produce safety practices prior to requesting an OFRR. Review your farm practices and then request an OFRR.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING AN ON-FARM READINESS REVIEW?

The OFRR will begin with a discussion of what commodities are grown, produce safety practices, and farm procedures. Then, the team will view growing, harvesting, washing, packing, storing, and holding practices. It will conclude with feedback and the opportunity to request technical assistance related to produce safety practices on your farm.

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