

Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training Course



Fruit and vegetable growers and others interested in learning about produce safety, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), and co-management of natural resources and food safety.

PSA Grower Training Course satisfies the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement outlined in §112.22 (c) that requires “At least one supervisor or responsible party for your farm must have successfully completed food safety training at least equivalent to that received under standardized curriculum recognized as adequate by the Food and Drug Administration.

**Thursday, November 3, 2016
8:30 am – 5:30 pm**

**Gulf Coast Research
& Extension Center
State Highway 104
Fairhope, AL 36532**

RSVP:
Mobile County Extension Office
(251) 574-8445

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At the training, you will receive seven hours of instruction time covering content 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

What to Expect:

Learn produce safety best practices. Built-in time for questions and discussion. Key parts of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule outlined in each module. Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate from AFDO that verifies completion of the training course.

Cost:

The workshop cost for in-state participants will be covered by a Specialty Crop Block Grant provided by the Alabama Department of Agriculture. The cost for out-of-state participants will be \$120, which covers the cost of the certificate, course materials, and lunch.



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Dear Participants:

The Mobile County Extension Office will be offering a Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training Course on **Thursday, November 3rd, 2016 from 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM**. The class will be held at the Gulf Coast Research & Extension Center, 8300 State Highway 104 Fairhope, AL 36532.

The PSA Grower Training Course is designed to educate growers about produce safety, the Food Safety Modernization Act (*FSMA*) Produce Safety Rule, Good Agricultural Practices (*GAPs*), co-management of natural resources and food safety, and provide details on how to develop a farm food safety plan.

Individuals who participate in this course are expected to 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 produce safety practices on the farm
- Parts of a farm food safety plan and how to begin writing one
- Requirements in the FSMA Produce Safety Rule and how to meet them.

Upon completing the course, participants will be eligible to receive a certificate from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (*AFDO*) that verifies they have completed the training course. To receive an AFDO certificate, a participant must be present for the entire training and submit the appropriate paperwork to their trainer at the end of the course.

To register for this workshop, contact the Mobile County Extension Office by calling 251.574.8445.

Sincerely,


Amelia M. Mitchell
County Extension Coordinator


James Miles
Regional Extension Agent

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