

Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training and Train the Trainer

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Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) was tasked with developing the standardized national produce safety training program to prepare fresh produce growers to meet the regulatory requirements in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule. The PSA has developed two types of training courses: Grower Training Course and Train-the-Trainer Course.

PSA Grower Training October 17, 2018	PSA Grower Training November 27, 2018	PSA Grower Training December 6, 2018	PSA Train the Trainer December 6-7, 2018	PSA Grower Training January 29, 2019	PSA Grower Training February 19, 2019	PSA Grower Training March 6, 2019
WSU Mt. Vernon 16650 SR 536 Room: Sakuma Auditorium Mount Vernon, WA 98273	WSU Spokane 412 E Spokane Falls Blvd Spokane, WA 99202	Yakima Convention Center 10 N 8th St Yakima, WA 98901 Room: TBA	Yakima Convention Center 10 N 8th St Yakima, WA 98901 Room: TBA	Holiday Inn Tacoma Mall 8402 S Hosmer St Tacoma, WA 98444 Room TBA	Anacortes Public Library 1220 10th St Anacortes, WA 98221 Room: TBA	WSU Tri-Cities 2710 Crimson Way Building CIC Rooms: 120/120A Richland, WA 99354
Lead Instructor: Dr. Faith Critzer	Lead Instructor: Dr. Faith Critzer	Lead Instructors: Drs. Connie Fisk and Don Stoeckel	Lead Instructors: Drs. Connie Fisk and Don Stoeckel	Lead Instructor: Dr. Faith Critzer	Lead Instructor: Dr. Faith Critzer	Lead Instructor: Dr. Faith Critzer
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Who Should Attend

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. The PSA Grower Training Course is one way to satisfy 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.'*

What to Expect at the PSA Grower Training Course

The trainers will spend approximately seven hours of instruction time covering content contained 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

In addition to learning about produce safety best practices, key parts of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements are outlined within each module. There will be time for questions and discussion, so participants should come prepared to share their experiences and produce safety questions.

Benefits of Attending the Course

The course will provide a foundation of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and co-management information, FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements, and 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.

After attending the **entire** 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.

Costs to Attend

Total costs to attend the PSA Grower Training Course is \$35. Funding from the WSDA (grant #5U18005913-03) greatly reduced the cost of training.

Additional Information

For more information about scheduled PSA Grower Training Courses, please visit the WSU Produce Safety Website at <http://foodsafety.wsu.edu/training-programs/psagtandttt/>.

For questions related to registering for the course, please contact:

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