Food safety courses for produce farms

Winter 2025

These courses will provide in-depth information to fruit and vegetable farms about important steps to keep their produce safe and meet market requirements for on-farm food safety practices. All trainings offer a certificate of completion, which is accepted as documentation of food safety training for Produce Safety Mini Grant.

Online Half-Day GAPs Training

This 3.5-hour online course is an in-depth look at GAPs on the farm and is a "one stop shop" to learn about food safety best practices in the production, washing, packing, storage and transport of fresh produce. These trainings are taught by UMN Extension and experienced farmer trainers.

Feb 24 : 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

March 4: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

March 12: 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Cost: $15 per farm, includes certificate of attendance for a participants. Scholarships are available to cover the cost of this course. Please email jenri001@umn.edu. One participant at each training will win a set of handwashing stand supplies!

Register: **z.umn.edu/GAPtraining**

Produce Safety University - Food Safety Deep Dive Webinars

Kick off 2025 with a series of webinars to learn practical strategies to improve both the food safe and product quality of your fruits and vegetables. If you attended a farm food safety training in the past but want to sharpen your skills and learn more about specific topics, or want a refresher, the webinars are for you.

These webinars are led by UMN Extension educators, industry experts and experienced farmers. Topics include postharvest handling, packshed designs, FSMA water rule updates, and more.

- Every other Friday, January 17 - April 11, 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
- Attend one, or as many dates as desired!
- Sessions will also be recorded for later viewing

Cost: Free

Register: **z.umn.edu/FoodSafetyDeepDives2025**

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FSMA Produce Safety Rule Training

This course meets the training requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule for farms fully covered by the Produce Safety Rule. This regulatory training is offered in conjunction with the MDA Produce Safety Program and is led by UMN Extension, MDA staff and experienced farmer trainers. All growers interested in learning about produce safety, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and the FSMA Produce Safety Rule are encouraged to attend.

Feb 19 in-person: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (lunch included)
Regional Extension Office, Farmington 4100 220th Street West Farmington, Minnesota 55024

March 6 online: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Cost: $26.50, includes training materials and certificate of completion

Register: www.mda.state.mn.us/fsmatraining

Questions?

Visit www.mda.state.mn.us/producesafety or contact (651) 539-3648;

producesafety.mda@state.mn.us ***Learn more about GAPs and farm food safety at***

www.extension.umn.edu/growing-safe-food

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