

# Produce Safety Network Overview and Produce Safety Rule Updates

**FDA FOOD SAFETY**  
MODERNIZATION ACT

**THE FUTURE IS NOW**

**North Willamette Horticulture Society**  
**January 10, 2018**

# Agenda

- Produce Safety Rule Framework
- Current Activities: FDA
- Current Activities: ODA
- Review: Inspections vs Audits
- Constituent Updates



# Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)

## 7 Foundational Proposed Rules

- *Produce Safety*
- Preventive Controls for Human Food
- Preventive Controls for Food for Animals
- Foreign Supplier Verification Program
- Third Party Accreditation
- Intentional Adulteration
- Sanitary Transportation of food

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Parts 11, 16, and 112

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RIN 0910-AG35

**Standards for the Growing, Harvesting,  
Packing, and Holding of Produce for  
Human Consumption**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration,  
HHS.

**ACTION:** Final rule.



# Timelines

## FDA Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption

### January 2013

Proposed Produce Safety Rule

### September 2014

Supplemental Notice

Specific issues of: coverage of rule, water quality, raw manure, wildlife conservation, and withdrawal of qualified exemption

### November 2015

Final Rule Published

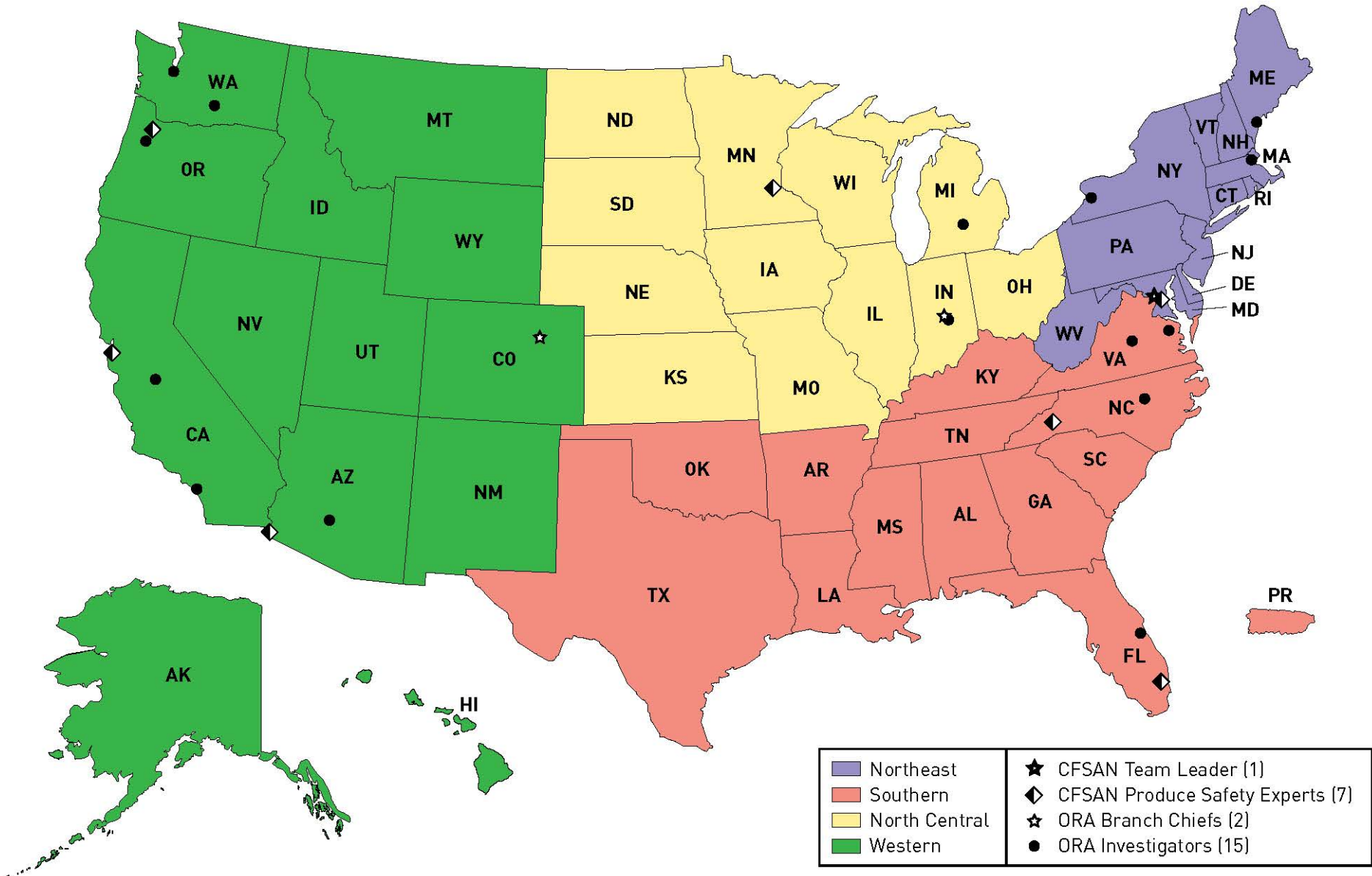
Effective Date of the rule 60 days after: January 26, 2016

### September 2017

Federal Register Notice published

Proposed extension to compliance dates for agricultural water provisions

# Produce Safety Network (PSN)





# Produce Safety Network Roles and Responsibilities

- Technical Assistance
- Outreach, Education, and Training
- Collaboration
- Work-planning
- Outbreak Investigations
- Inspections



# Working with State Partners

## Produce Safety State Cooperative Agreement Program

The intended outcomes :

- Advance efforts for a nationally integrated food safety system (IFSS)
- Plan, establish, and enhance state and territorial produce safety programs.
- Encourage the safe production of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Promote understanding and compliance with the requirements of the Produce Safety Rule.



# Working with State Partners

## Produce Safety State Cooperative Agreement Program

### Competition A

- Develop a produce safety program, facilitate produce safety education and technical assistance, and develop a farm inventory.

### Competition A/B

- Develop a produce safety program, facilitate produce safety education and technical assistance, and develop a farm inventory.
- **Develop and implement a compliance program.**





# PSR Updates

## Agricultural Water Testing Methods

- FDA announced eight additional Equivalent Testing Methodologies for Agricultural Water
- FDA has determined that the methods are “scientifically valid” and “at least equivalent to the method of analysis in §112.151(a) in accuracy, precision, and sensitivity:  
<https://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodScienceResearch/LaboratoryMethods/ucm575251.htm>



# PSR Updates

## Agricultural Water Compliance Dates

- The FDA issued a proposed rule to extend compliance dates for the agricultural water requirements by an additional two to four years
- The extension will allow FDA to revisit the requirements & ensure they are feasible for all farmers
- New agricultural water compliance dates:
  - Largest farms: January 26, 2022
  - Small farms January 26, 2023
  - Very small farms: January 26, 2024

# PSR Updates

## Agricultural Water Reassessment

- FDA plans to engage with stakeholders to learn more from farmers, state regulatory partners and other stakeholders about the diverse ways water is used
- FDA plans to ensure that the standards will be as practical and effective as possible for all farming operations.
- Summit on agricultural water early next year

# PSR Implementation Updates

## Inspection Dates Delay

- Inspection delays do not impact compliance dates
- Inspections will be pushed back one year for each size
  - Large farms starting in 2019
  - Small farms in 2020
  - Very small farms in 2021
- If a for-cause situation occurs (i.e. an outbreak), states and/or FDA would inspect, as needed

# For More Information

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