



Buying From Local Farms?

What Do FSMA Rules Mean to Produce Buyers?

When: July 17, 2018; Registration, 8:30 am, Program, 9 am-12 noon

Where: Rome Commons Ballroom, 626 Gilbert Road Ext., Storrs CT 06269

Who should come: produce buyer, supply chain manager and/or food safety or quality assurance personnel from distributors, grocery stores, restaurants, schools, institutions, foodservice management companies, etc., farmers from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Purpose and Agenda

Attendees of this regionally focused program will learn about the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), Produce Safety Rule (PSR), Preventive Controls for Human Food, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) audits and state produce inspection programs and how they address the safety of food from local farms. The purpose of this meeting is to help you to understand what the new Produce Safety Rule means to both region's farmers and to those who buy their product. How might it change (or not change) the way you do business?

This meeting will an excellent opportunity for both parties to learn about rules and practices affecting both the growers and buyers of local produce.

Agenda

- FSMA Explained (focus on the Produce Safety Rule related aspects of the Preventive Controls for Human Foods Rule)
- State focused inspection and compliance programs
- Panel discussion: Buyers from a variety of operations will discuss how they address produce safety with their locally sourced fruits and vegetables

Registration is by email to: rsvp@uconn.edu

*(There is no fee to attend, but you **must preregister by July 10, 2018**. Directions and parking information will be sent to all who register)*

Include the following information in your registration email:

Name of each participant

Operation/organization name

Email address

Phone number

Please describe if you have any dietary restrictions

Pursuant to ADA Regulations, do you require any special accommodations to participate fully in this event? If so, please describe.

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