Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Growers
Food Defense/Biosecurity

- DHS (Dept of Homeland Security) has identified agriculture and food sectors as potential targets of terrorists.
- The FDA and USDA have developed guidance documents to assist the industry.
Food Biosecurity

**Food Safety** = Protection against accidental contamination

"**Food Security**" = Protection against malicious, **intentional** contamination

Food Security is **NOT** an extension of Food Safety. It is very different.
**ALERT PROGRAM**

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- **F**ollow company defense plan and procedures
- **I**nspect your work and surrounding areas
- **R**ecognize anything out of the ordinary
- **S**ecure all ingredients, supplies, products
- **T**ell management if you notice anything unusual or suspicious

*www.fda.gov/Food/FoodDefense/default.htm*
*www.fda.gov/Food/FoodDefense/Training/ALERT/default.htm*
*www.fda.gov/Food/FoodDefense/Training/ucm135038.htm*
Improved Awareness

What to look for?
- Persons with unusual activity
- Employees changing work behavior
- Unattended items

What to do?
- Notify management
- Secure and control access – keep doors locked as appropriate. Building Security.
- Monitor
- **Train employees**
Improved Awareness

Written procedure recommended

- Useful with employee training
- Useful as a checklist
- Useful as a reminder