DATE: December 1, 2019
TO: Rhode Island Growers
FROM: Lori Pivarnik, URI Cooperative Extension Food Safety Education Program
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RE: Produce Safety Rule and RI GAP Training
       Wednesday/Thursday, January 29-30, 2020

The URI Cooperative Extension Food Safety Education Program will be offering a FSMA Produce Safety Rule/Produce Safety Alliance Approved Grower and RI GAP Training on Wednesday/Thursday, January 29-30 at URI Coastal Institute, 215 South Ferry Road, Narragansett, Graduate School of Oceanography. This training is registered and approved and is compliant with the requirements of the Produce Safety Regulation (PSR). Lori Pivarnik and Sejal Lanterman are considered official PSA Lead Instructors.

The training will also allow farmers to become part of our voluntary RI GAP program – additional information will be presented as part of the training and RI GAP requirements will be clarified. In combining the training, RI farmers will also receive the PSA/AFDO certificate that will prove you have taken the “approved” course per the rule.

For those farmers who have already taken RI GAP training, that training does not count towards FSMA/PSR compliance – you will have to come back if you wish/need to comply with the Produce Safety Rule. If you have already taken the merged PSR/GAP workshop, you do not have to come again. For those who took the RI GAP training years ago, you may want to think about taking the training again – a lot has changed both with the rule and with RI GAP requirements.

Regarding costs – a subsidy for the curriculum books and official completion certificate are for RI farmers, only. The cost for food for both days will be $45.00 for each person and must be included with your mail-in registration (only checks – no credit cards). For all others, the cost of the course will be $130.00. The PSA course requirements say that all PSA Grower Training participants must be provided with a copy of the current edition of the PSA Grower Training Manual.

The registration materials are included in this mailing as well as an email that you should have already received. Please contact Sejal with any questions: sejal@uri.edu, 401-874-4453
Day 1:

8:30 AM  Registration
9:00 AM  Welcome and Introductions
9:30 AM  Quick overview of Produce Safety Rule and Exemptions
          Module 1: Introduction to Produce Safety
11:15 AM Break
11:30 AM Module 2: Worker Health and Hygiene
12:30 PM Lunch
1:15 PM  Module 3: Soil Amendments
2:15 PM  Module 4: Wildlife, Domesticated Animals and Land Use
3:15 PM  Module 5: Agricultural water – Part 1: Production Water
4:15 PM  Question for the day
          Adjourn
Day 2:

8:30 AM     Sign In
9:00 AM     Questions from Day 1; Review of key parts Ag water Part 1
9:45 AM     Module 5: Agricultural Water – Part 2: Post Harvest Water
10:45 AM    Break
11:00 AM    Module 6: Post Harvest Handling and Sanitation
            Temperature control – Why is it important
12:30 PM    Lunch
1:15 PM     Overview of Food Defense
1:30        Module 7: How to Develop of Food Safety Plan
            Overview of risk assessment to develop a plan; Traceability
            Overview of Food Safety Plan Templates
2:45 PM     Overview of RI GAP program and audit for RI growers
            Overview of RI regulatory inspection for FSMA-PSR
3:45 PM     Questions and evaluations
4:00 PM     Adjourn

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FSMA Produce Safety Rule/Produce Safety Alliance Approved
Grower Training Course and RI GAP Training

January 29 and 30, 2020
8:30 am through 4:00 pm
Registration Deadline Monday, January 13, 2020
URI Coastal Institute/GSO
215 South Ferry Road
Narragansett, RI

COST: (Includes morning pastries/coffee and lunch for both days)
RI Farmers - $45.00 per person must be sent in with registration. If you have already attended
this PSR workshop, you do not need to come again; however RI GAP trainings only, prior to
2017, will not fulfill the requirements of the rule. The PSA/RI GAP training and RI Farmers’
attendance are subsidized by USDA/RIDEM Specialty Crop and FDA Grants.

All others - $130.00 per person for all others with mail-in registration (The price also includes
cost of curriculum,certificate and food).

SPACE IS LIMITED! Please email (sejal@uri.edu) or call Sejal Lanterman (Tel: 401-874-4453) if
you have questions about the course or registration. An additional two-day training will be
offered on April 1 and April 2, 2020.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) Grower Training Course has been
designed to provide a foundation of Good Agricultural Practices knowledge that includes
emphasis on co-management of food safety and environmental management goals, while
outlining the requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule.
The PSA Grower Training Course is used 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.’
Additional information has also been included to address the RI GAP certification program
available to RI growers. This will be made clear at the training.

In order to obtain the PSA/AFDO certificate that provides evidence of compliance with the
training requirements of the rule, and/or complete RI GAP training you MUST be present for
the entire two-day course. As always, RIGAP certificates will come from RIDEM after a
successful audit.

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REGISTRATION FORM

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For additional information or if you have a question regarding this course, contact:
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Name: ________________________________

Farm name/organization: ________________________________

Mailing address: ________________________________

Phone: (to be used in case of weather cancellation or delay) ________________________________

Email address: ________________________________

Cost: Check only — no credit cards. Morning coffee/pastries and lunch included for both days.
RI farmers: A $45.00 fee per person for RI farmers must be mailed in with the registration form.

For all others: The registration fee is $130 per person that includes the curriculum book, breaks and certificate of training from AFDO. Payment must be mailed in with the registration form.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: University of Rhode Island. There will be no refunds after registration deadline.

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