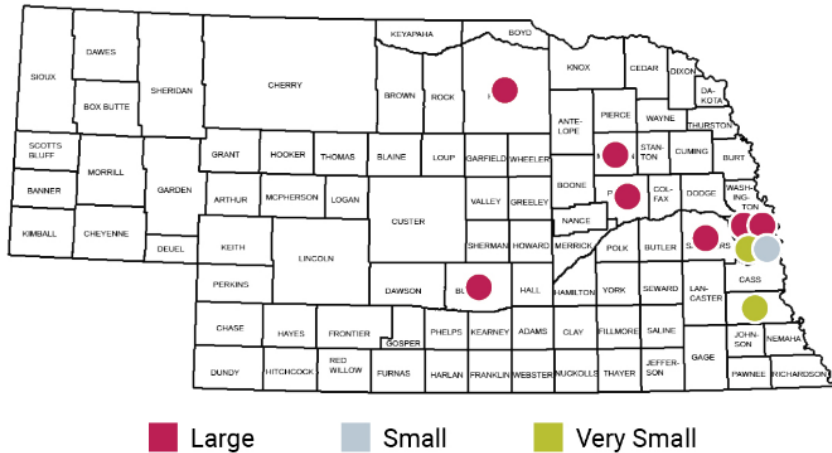


Nebraska Produce Safety Program 2020

Nebraska's Grower Inventory



Of **272 total produce farms** in Nebraska's grower inventory, **10 are covered farms**.

Farm Sizes	Annual Produce Sales	Total
Large	\$500,000 or more	7
Small	\$250,000 - \$500,000	1
Very Small	\$25,000 - \$250,000	2
Qualified Exempt	\$25,000 - \$500,000 majority local sales	37
Excluded	Less than \$25,000	225

2020 Inspection Nebraska Plans*

- All large farms (7)
- All Small farms (1)
- For 5 farms, this will be a second inspection
- OFRRs will be offered to every farm before an inspection

**pending coronavirus pandemic*

Nebraska Produce Safety Program 2020

Direct Mail to Growers

- Promote advantages of the program.
- Encourage participation.
 - A chance to win a Casey's Gas Card.
 - Receive a Welcome Kit by joining the team.



Nebraska Produce Safety Program 2020

Welcome Kit box to be mailed or handed out at events.

22" x 22" Promotion Signage

Thank-you Letter

NDA Tote Bag

NDA Notebook
and Pen



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A Word from the Program Specialist, Caitlyn Andrews

Hello, all! I've met many of you but know I may still be a stranger to others. My name is Caitlyn Andrews, and I'm the Nebraska Produce Safety Program Specialist. My job is implementing the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule (PSR) in Nebraska. My goal has been to make this as smooth of a process as possible for the produce growers of Nebraska.

Our produce safety team is here to work for you! At the end of the day, we both want the same thing: safe, healthy produce. We want to work with you to accomplish this. We understand that there are unique challenges that each of you face, and we're here to help. Keep reading to learn about upcoming events, the ins and outs of inspections, On Farm Readiness Reviews, and what's new in 2020. Enjoy!

Is this newsletter?

Newsletter because your business is registered in the produce safety grower program and included in the

Readiness Review?

inspections that Nebraska and other states are offering are On Farm Readiness Reviews (OFRR) program, produce safety team members conduct voluntary visits to farms to observe current practices and provide constructive individualized input in terms of compliance with regulatory expectations. OFRRs are not for regulatory inspection.

regulatory, confidential, pre-inspectional produce safety inspection; the Produce Safety Rule; training needs; grower's convenience; and educational materials; and test because now you know what to expect!

OFRRs are FREE of charge. Just call or email today! We recommend conducting them when you have time.

on in the Nebraska Produce Safety Program for your "Thank You" kit in the mail. The kit will help you grow your produce business. Stay tuned!

Training will be held October 20, 2020 in Lincoln, NE. Visit [nebraska.gov/producesafety](https://www.nebraska.gov/producesafety) for more information and training dates.

Have any questions you may have. Our team is here to help!

Contact Caitlyn Andrews at caitlyn.andrews@nebraska.gov or by phone at 402-497-1234 or 402-497-1235.

Producer

Lincoln, showing helping my first of four. I completed my agricultural education. I moved to northwest Arkansas to be with Valmart Corporate offices. In 2013, when we moved to Lincoln, I began work as a hotel food safety manager. I moved to Lincoln. I began work in Agriculture in August of 2016 and list in February 2017.



me with my daughter, Anneliese, and husband. I enjoy biking, running, time outdoors. Baked goods often find me baking cookies and breads. If you want to learn more about the program, please contact me!

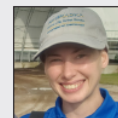
Coordinator

Coordinator of Agriculture have been growers and processors of produce for 30 years. I work with federal programs that utilize specialty crop industry. I work with growers and several industry groups in an effort to improve the produce industry. I also serve on four committees.



ing, sports cars, gardening and a, Marcia, and we have one son, and two cats. I grew up on a farm and received collegiate degrees in Agriculture and Communication from the University of Nebraska.

er, and I am a native of Nebraska attending community college where I completed my degree at the Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium. After graduating with a degree in Biology, I got married and we moved to Lincoln. I am proud to be a part of living in the Rockies and having a family. I moved back to Norfolk, and I began working for the Department of Agriculture. We have a lot of fun. I enjoy yoga, practicing other things, and Eastern philosophy and natural



ed inspector for five years. Farm work is what I am used to doing, but the experience with and learn from operators, and to raise awareness of how our industry works. I am proud to share in those efforts and look forward to working with you!

nom-and-pop dairy in Nebraska. My four children are on the farm with chickens, ducks, and pigs. I went to work for 30 years, I started working for Associated Milk Producers as a refrigeration man and milking machine. Later, I became a field rep for the state of Nebraska as a sales rep and began working with the produce industry. I look forward to continue working with the produce community.



heart in 1976 and we were married. A daughter-in-law. Then along came a beautiful granddaughter, 14. I enjoy all their activities, target shooting, fishing, etc. I also enjoy visiting. So, if you have any questions.

duce safety inspections are conducted on all large, covered grower operations that sell \$500,000 or more in produce in a three-year period.

produce safety inspections. We plan to inspect as well as small covered farms. Small farms sell more than \$250,000 in produce but

oes into a produce safety inspection. Those questions below.

ing things take place: call and try to schedule an On Farm

iew will take place (with the farm's convenience); the inspection team will share the results of the

II schedule the formal inspection.

conducted during harvest so that any processes can be reviewed.

e following will be reviewed: growing, and storing activities; inputs and types of fertilizer/compost

ing facilities; facilities; practices; practices; number of workers; cultural water* (beginning in 2022);

the inspection form for your records. Rough an OFRR, the inspections are

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