North Central Region
Center for FSMA Training, Extension and Technical Assistance

Exemption Guide

Does your farm grow, harvest, pack or hold produce?

YES

NO

Your farm is NOT covered by this rule.

Does your farm on average (in the previous three years) have <$500K in annual food sales AND a majority of the food (by value) is sold to qualified end users?

YES

NO

Your farm is exempt from this rule.

Is your produce intended for commercial processing that adequately reduces pathogens (for example commercial processing with a “kill step”)?

YES

NO

You must disclose in documents accompanying the produce, in accordance with the practice of the trade, that the food is “not processed to adequately reduce the presence of microorganisms of public health significance,” AND you must annually obtain written assurance, from the customer that performs the commercial processing that they have established and are following procedures that adequately reduce the presence of microorganisms of public health significance.

Is your produce one of the commodities that FDA has identified as rarely consumed raw?

YES

NO

This product is NOT covered by the rule.

Is your produce for personal/on-farm consumption?

YES

NO

This product is NOT covered by the rule.

Does your farm on average (in the previous three years) have $25K or less in annual produce sales?

YES

NO

Your farm is exempt from this rule.

Complete the worksheet on the reverse side of this envelope for record of exemption.

You are required to be fully compliant with the law.

Information based on FSMA Produce Safety Rule - https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm334114.htm