



Good Agricultural Practices Training

Implementing GAPs: Reducing Risk & Maintaining Safety

The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) and the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE) are proud to announce the Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) Training for food safety. This three-day program will focus on on-farm food safety practices and allow participants to create a produce safety plan specific to their individual farm business.

This training is provided at no cost to participants.

June 5th - June 7th



Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 South 21st Street
Sparks, NV 89431



University of Nevada
Cooperative Extension

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join UNCE Extension Educator Seth Urbanowitz to learn...

- Principles of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and Good Handling Practices (GHPs)
- Fundamental components of food safety as a part of any comprehensive management plan for growers, specialty crop producers, harvest service operators, distribution and wholesale handlers, direct marketers and fresh-cut processors
- Key points of control and management of microbial food hazards as part of a management plan
- Practices for maintaining food safety and quality in fresh fruit and vegetable production
- How the Food Safety Modernization Act might impact your production system
- Steps to writing a customized farm food safety plan

Persons in need of special accommodations or assistance must give at least three days notice to Katie Jameson with the Nevada Department of Agriculture at (775) 353-3639.

This training is sponsored by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service Farm To School Grant Program.



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Good Agricultural Practices Training Agenda

DAY 1

- 8:00-8:55 Registration
- 9:00-9:10 Opening Remarks
- 9:10-9:30 Introduction: Anticipated Training Outcomes and Identification of Food Safety in the Food System
- 9:30-10:15 Foodborne Illness: How it Affects the Farm and How it Can Be Prevented
- 10:15-10:45 Risk Mitigation and Prevention Strategies Associated with Food Safety
- 10:45-12:00 Soil Amendments: Manure, Compost & Conventional
- 12:00-12:45 Lunch (provided)**
- 12:45-2:00 Agricultural Water Use: Pre-Harvest & Post-Harvest Considerations
- 2:00-2:10 Break**
- 2:10-2:50 Crop-Animal Interface: Practical Considerations for Dealing with Wildlife and Livestock
- 2:50-3:20 Worker Health and Hygiene
- 3:20-3:50 Field Equipment and Tools
- 3:50-4:00 Wrap-Up

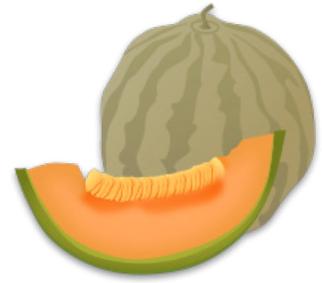
DAY 2

- 9:00-9:10 Review and Anticipated Outcomes for the Day
- 9:10-9:30 Food Safety Considerations for Field Harvest and Packing
- 9:30-9:50 Food Safety Considerations for House Packing Facilities
- 9:50-10:15 Practical Considerations for Storage and Transportation
- 10:15-10:45 Traceability, Recall and Crisis Management
- 10:45-11:30 Food Safety for CSA's



DAY 2 CONTINUED

- 11:30-12:00 Food Safety Considerations for School Gardens
- 12:00-12:45 **Lunch (provided)**
- 12:45-1:45 Food Safety for Farmers' Markets
- 1:45-2:15 Food Safety in Agritourism
- 2:15-2:25 **Break**
- 2:25-3:00 Fruit and Vegetable Biology
- 3:00-3:50 Pre-Harvest and Post-Harvest Practices to Ensure Produce Quality and Safety
- 3:50-4:00 Wrap-Up



DAY 3

- 9:00-9:15 Delivering Safe, Nutritious, High-Quality Produce: An Overview
- 9:15-12:00 What to Expect in a USDA Audit and Audit Checklist Overview
Presented by Ashley Jeppson of the Nevada Department of Agriculture
- 12:00-12:45 **Lunch (provided)**
- 12:45-2:45 Exercise: Developing a Food Safety Plan for Your Farm
- 2:45-3:00 **Break**
- 3:00-3:45 Food Safety Plan Wrap-Up
- 3:45-4:00 Final Comments and Certificate Distribution

After the GHP/GAP training portion, which will help farmers either reinforce their current food safety practices or help establish a set of practices in their farming operation, a farmer can go through the audit process to be certified for one year under the GHP/GAP certification and apply for cost-share funds. The cost-share program is designed to help defray some of the costs related to a successful audit.

Applications are accepted and approved by the Nevada Department of Agriculture on a first-come, first-served basis. Reimbursements will cover 75% of all costs associated with one successful United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) GHP/GAP audit, up to a maximum of \$750. Participation in the USDA GHP/GAP audit program is completely voluntary. Costs exceeding \$750 are not eligible for reimbursement. It is recommended that potential applicants apply for this funding as soon as their USDA GHP/GAP audit is approved and payment is verified. In the event of limited funds available, preference will be given to complete applications received with the earliest approval date.

Applicants must fully complete the necessary application and be able to show verification of audit approval and payment. Qualified applicants may only receive funding for one successful audit per Federal Fiscal Year (FFY). To qualify for reimbursement, applicants must have successfully completed an approved USDA audit on or between June 1, 2013 and July 30, 2015. Reimbursements will not be given for costs associated with a failed audit.

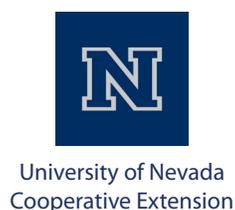
More and more, schools and restaurants are trying to buy locally produced fruits and vegetables to serve to students and customers. Producers doing business with these schools and restaurants need some type of safety certification to meet the terms of their contracts. Direct market farmers have an opportunity to certify and even have the cost of certification reduced through the GHP/GAP cost-share program.

For more information, please visit:

State of Nevada Department of Agriculture
<http://agri.nv.gov/GAP/>

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/scbgp>

Or contact Ashley Jeppson at (775) 353-3675
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Please select the category that best applies to you:

- Farmer/Rancher Educator Student
 Agency Non-Profit Other _____

If you are involved in the production of food, what is the area that you manage?

_____ acres or _____ square feet

What do you produce (mark all that apply)?

- Field Crops Nursery or Ornamentals Fruit Crops
 Vegetable Crops Other N/A

What was your last year's GROSS cash farm income?

- less than \$1,000 \$1,000-\$9,999 \$10,000-\$49,999
 \$50,000-\$99,999 \$100,000-\$249,000 \$250,000-\$999,999
 over \$1,000,000

Distance traveled to attend this workshop?

_____ miles