
Developing a Food Safety Program for Vegetable and Fruit Growers/Packers

Location: UF/IFAS Palm Beach County
559 N. Military Trail
West Palm Beach, FL 33415
Exhibit Hall

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

8:30 am

Registration and Pre-test

9:00 am

Welcome, Introductions and Setting the Stage. How Do I Know What I Need?
David Sui, UF/IFAS Palm Beach County Extension, West Palm Beach, FL

9:10 am

GAP Certification and Auditing - Common Stumbling Blocks - And Remedies
Galen Frantz. Glades Crop Care

9:40 am

Microbiology for Growers: Understanding Organisms of Concern, Brief Presentation of Main
Organisms, How They Grow, Spread, etc.
Keith Schneider, UF/IFAS Food and Human Nutrition, Gainesville, FL

10:25 am

Break

10:45 am

An Overview of GAPs Issues, Reviewing Key Farm, Field, Packing House and Transportation
Practices
Keith Schneider, UF/IFAS Food and Human Nutrition, Gainesville, FL

11:30 am

Worker Health and Hygiene, Addressing the Need for Worker Training, Including Common Stumbling
Blocks, Resources, etc.
Michelle Danyluk, UF/IFAS CREC, Lake Alfred, FL.

12:15 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm

The Importance of Record Keeping, Making Record Keeping a Manageable Part of Your Food Safety Plan.

Mark Ritenour, UF/IFAS Indian River Research and Education Center, Ft. Pierce, FL

1:30 pm

Post Harvest Handling and Sanitation, Effectively Communicating Your Food Safety Program and Advocating for Your Farm

Steve Sargent, Horticultural Sciences, Gainesville, FL

2:00 pm

Break

2:20 pm

Audit Perspectives: Lack of a Standardized Audit, Preparing for an Audit/Inspection without Losing Your Mind

Mark Ritenour, UF/IFAS Indian River Research and Education Center, Ft. Pierce, FL

2:50 pm

Educational Materials and Resources, Discussing the Resources that Make Things Easier and More Effective

Keith Schneider, UF/IFAS Food and Human Nutrition, Gainesville, FL

3:20 pm

How Can UF/IFAS Extension Help You in the Next Step? Open Forum for Questions, Wrap-Up.

Edward Skvarch, UF/IFAS St. Lucie County Extension, Ft. Pierce, FL

3:45 pm

Post-test and evaluation

4:00 pm

Adjourn

Lunch Courtesy of Ms. Julie Stolker / HarvestMark, and Refreshments by Ms. Kiley Harper-Larson / Hugh Branch.

Space is limited in this Multi-County Workshop, please RSVP by calling Kathy at 772-462-1660 Ext. 1630 ASAP, before oct.22.

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