

Technical Assistance Program

FOOD SAFETY RESOURCE for small and very small produce farms



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About TAP



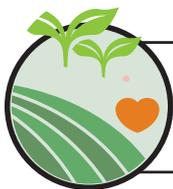
What is TAP?

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Technical Assistance Program (TAP) provides educational resources designed to ensure small-scale produce farms become compliant with the federal Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule for growing fruits, nuts and vegetables. TAP funding was made available by the Budget Act of 2019.



Who is TAP?

TAP is a program managed by the CDFA Inspection and Compliance Branch. Through a CDFA grant, the program is partially staffed by University of California Cooperative Extension Specialists, Advisors and Community Educators who have expertise in on-farm food safety and production practices. TAP aims to promote the success of small-scale farmers across the state in following safe farming practices.



What does TAP do?

TAP team members are fluent in multiple languages (Spanish, Hmong, Mandarin and Portuguese) to serve the diversity of farmers across California. To support on-farm food safety, TAP offers a wide variety of services to farms needing assistance and resources about food safety practices used to grow produce.

What TAP offers

1.

Basic Good Agricultural Practice Training

- Informational fact sheets
- Videos
- In-person workshops
- Online learning platform

2.

How to Interpret and Implement FSMA's Produce Safety Rule

- Informational fact sheets
- Videos
- In-person workshops
- Template signage
- Templates for record keeping
- Online learning platform

3.

Low-Cost Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training

- Tailored to the needs of small-scale growers
- Including on-farm demonstrations
- Online learning platform

4.

On-Farm Technical Assistance

- Guidance in building a food safety program for your farm
- Assistance and preparation for FSMA Produce Safety Rule inspections

5.

Advocacy for Small-Scale Growers

- Grower discussion groups
- Connections with state and national small farm advocacy groups
- Engagement with policy makers on issues impacting small farmers

6.

Continuing Education Events

- TAP-sponsored water training courses
- Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) Soil Summit
- PSA Water Summit
- Access to On Farm Readiness Review (OFRR) training
- Farm inspector training
- Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Center to Enhance Food Safety

Where you can find TAP

Members of the TAP team are located at the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) in Sacramento, University of California, Davis, campus and Cooperative Extension offices throughout the state. Produce safety resources for farmers are available in multiple languages. Growers interested in resources available through TAP are encouraged to visit the TAP website.

Visit TAP at www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/technicalassistance

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