

Note: Risks vary at each farm. This is a template for a pre-harvest risk assessment and should be modified for your situation.



Pre-Harvest Risk Assessment for Fresh Produce

* A check mark in the Yes column means that each of the items below is under control and therefore does not represent a threat to the safety of the harvested crop. **All risks must be checked Yes before harvesting can begin.**

Date Performed (mm/dd/yy): _____ Conducted by: _____	Yes	Corrective Actions Taken (if Yes is indicated)	Yes (after action)
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Harvesters and Handlers

Workers have been trained on personal hygiene and food safety practices that can contribute to contamination of fresh produce.			
Workers have been evaluated for compliance with hygiene policies (before beginning harvest).			

Field and Perimeter

There are no livestock, pets, or wildlife present in the field at the time of harvest.			
The growing area has been evaluated for signs of animal feces or other recent animal activity. If animal activity is identified, describe actions taken to prevent contamination of produce, worker clothing/footwear, tools/equipment, vehicles, and/or other food contact surfaces.			
There are no signs of recent flooding from nearby water sources (ditches, ponds, etc.) or any unintentional water puddling in the field.			
There is no contamination from manure storage/holding areas and septic systems.			

Hand Washing and Toilet Facilities

Toilet facilities are available, accessible, and adequate in number.			
Toilet facilities are clean and stocked with toilet paper.			
Hand washing stations are near the toilets, are adequately stocked with clean water, soap, paper towels, trashcan and have gray water containment.			
Portable toilet facilities are located away from production areas and are not a source of contamination to fresh produce.			

Produce Contact Containers, Packing Materials, Equipment, and Tools

Harvest containers are stored in a manner that prevents their contamination prior to use.			
Harvest containers have been cleaned according to the farm policy (if applicable).			
Harvest containers have been inspected, are free of contamination, and are in good repair to prevent damage to produce.			
Equipment and tools have been cleaned and, if possible, sanitized, according to the farm policy.			
Transportation vehicles (trailer beds, wagons, etc.) have been inspected and are free of contaminants and trash/debris.			