



An Educational 3rd-Party Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) Audit/Risk Assessment

Who: North Carolina Cooperative Extension, in cooperation with the N.C. Fresh Produce Safety Task Force and the Center for Environmental Farming Systems, invite North Carolina growers and educators to an educational Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) 3rd-Party Audit/Risk Assessment. This educational risk assessment is directed toward small farms and will help participants better understand audits and allow small farmers to prepare for their own third-party audit for GAPs certification.

Why Attend: Consumers are becoming more concerned about food safety, in response government is establishing greater guidance as it relates to Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs). As industry responds to recent foodborne outbreaks, small and large North Carolina growers are being affected by market expectations. Large chain wholesalers, retail chains, school systems and some restaurants are requiring producers/suppliers to be GAPs certified. Producers/sellers without food safety plans in place and who cannot demonstrate use of Good Agricultural Practices are experiencing reduced market opportunities which may have negative impacts on the economic viability of their farm operations.

What will this educational audit/risk assessment consist of: NSF Davis Fresh will conduct a two-day educational audit/risk assessment at the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS). NSF Davis Fresh will provide insight on documentation needed and will answer questions regarding the process of a GAPs risk assessment. The risk assessment at CEFS has been set up to demonstrate what a small farm would need to assess in order to go through with an audit. The educational risk assessment has been scheduled for two days. One day will be spent in the classroom (6-7 hours) and the second day will consist of a half-day field visit. Growers will have their field visit in the morning (3-4 hours) and agents will participate in their field training in the afternoon (3-4 hours). There is no charge for both of these days. Space is limited so please register for either or both days and designate which group you will be involved with for the field visit on the second day. Basic requirements of a risk assessment are the same regardless of farm size; the only difference is the area that needs to be reviewed might be more limited.

SPACE IS LIMITED AND REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THESE SESSIONS

When and Where: Both days will take place at CEFS. Please register for the second day as either a grower or agent.

Date: Tuesday, August 3rd, 2010, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lunch will be included from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: CEFS Service Building
201 Stevens Mill Road
Goldsboro, NC 25730

Auditor: NSF Davis Fresh

Registration: Required by July 23rd, 2010

Date: Wednesday, August 4th, 2010 (Growers 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.) (Agents 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

Lunch will be included from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: CEFS Service Building
201 Stevens Mill Road
Goldsboro, NC 25730

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Registration: Required by July 23rd, 2010

Commodities: Watermelon, Cantaloupe, Cucumber, Tomatoes, Peppers and Eggplant

Registration is limited to 30 participants.

Additional information helpful to review prior to attending:

[NSF Davis Fresh, Audit Criteria and Documents](#)

To register or for more information, please contact:

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