

PSR Worker Training Instructions

Under Subpart C, Section 112.21 of the Produce Safety Rule, all personnel who handle covered produce or food contact surfaces must receive adequate training, as appropriate to the person's duties and must be conducted in a manner that is easily understood by the personnel being trained.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture and the University of Maryland Extension, with assistance from FDA's Division of Produce Safety have developed a PSR worker training in Spanish that covers an Introduction to Produce Safety, Livestock and Poultry, Pre-harvest Activities, Harvest Activities and Post Harvest Activities as they relate to the Produce Safety Rule. This training is adequate in fulfilling the requirements of Subpart C, Section 112.21(a) of the Produce Safety Rule, however all personnel still need to receive supplemental training in the principles of food hygiene (i.e. basic health and hygiene on the farm such as the Cornell University National GAPs Program DVD). This training is not a one size fits all course, a grower should also include any SOP's or other farm specific food safety requirements they require their employees to follow during this training session.

In this resource you will find an outline of the topics that will be discussed in the recordings, in both English and Spanish that can be printed off and included in your training program. The worker training recordings in Spanish are provided and are broken up into the five covered topics, as well as the power points used (English and Spanish). A recorded English version is planned but until it is finalized the slides in English can be used to train your workers. These power points can be printed off for your employees to follow along with and to take notes on while listening to the recordings. Finally, we have created a worker training log that is specific to the training we have created that can be printed off and signed by employee(s) and supervisor(s) after the course has been completed. A copy of any SOPs or farm specific requirements included in the training should be attached to the log. The training record provided meets all of the requirements of Subpart C, Section 112.30(b).