Oregon On-Farm Readiness Review

What is the On-Farm Readiness Review (OFRR)?
An educational tool to help operators assess readiness for alignment with the FSMA Produce Safety Rule

The OFRR was developed by the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) and FDA - in collaboration with Cooperative Extension and State Department of Agriculture staff from across the U.S. The OFRR looks and feels like a farm tour and is a cornerstone of effective education and outreach on the FSMA Produce Safety Rule (PSR). Additionally, the OFRR is an opportunity for State and Extension staff to gain more exposure to local farm operations that may be unique to the region’s commodities and production practices.

What's involved?
It’s an educational site visit to help operators understand and align their practices with the PSR

- Lasts about two hours.
- OFRRs should be conducted as close to harvest as possible.
- Two to three OSU Extension and ODA staff make up the review team.
- Engagement will be conversational – this is not an audit or inspection; rather it’s an educational visit.
- Reviewers follow a standardized decision tree to determine which parts of the rule apply to the operation. These are the only portions of the rule covered in the review.
- No photos or notes will be taken during the review – the OFRR process is confidential.

How do OFRRs benefit a farm?
OFRRs identify strengths and weaknesses in operations relative to the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements

- You’ll have the full attention of folks who know the rule inside and out – get answers to operation-specific questions about the rule.
- See which aspects of the rule apply to your operation.
- State and Extension staff may refer you to other resources to help with understanding and aligning with the rule.

Who are the participants?
Oregon Department of Agriculture, OSU Extension and you!

- OSU Extension and ODA staff - you may already be acquainted with some of these folks.
- You – We ask that someone in a position of responsibility for food safety participate for the entire OFRR.
- Anyone else you would like – neighbor, lawyer, your agronomist, SWCD staff, etc.

For additional information contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture
https://oda.direct/FSMA • 503-986-4620 • producesafety@oda.state.or.us • 1/2/2019
On-Farm Readiness (OFRR) Review Checklist

☐ Attendance at a Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training is recommended – full day of training on the key concepts covered by the Produce Safety Rule. To find an upcoming PSA Grower Training check this schedule and in the ‘filter by text’ field enter “OR,”

☐ Use this online Decision Tree https://oda.fyi/FSMADecisionTree to gauge your potential coverage under the Rule. Results generated by the tool are not definitive – they give you a provisional idea of what, when, and how your operation may be covered. NOTE: you may choose to discuss the decision tool results with ODA, but your information is not recorded. It is for your use only.

☐ Fill out the OFRR request form below, and return it by mail to ODA, 100 East Marina Drive, Hood River OR 97031 or scan and email it to producesafety@oda.state.or.us. ODA will contact you to schedule the OFRR. We aim to be prompt and strive to accommodate all requests for OFRRs. If you prefer, you may also call directly at 503-807-5864.

Operation Name

Contact person

Contact phone number

Email

Location

Mailing address (if different from location)

Acreage of the farm

Harvest period(s) mm/dd/yy – mm/dd/yy

Produce crops grown:

Activities conducted:
☐ Growing
☐ Harvesting
☐ Packing/Handling
☐ Other processing