



# Food safety courses for produce farms

Winter 2022-2023

There are three different options for food safety courses available to you from the UMN Extension On-Farm GAPs Education program this winter. Please see below for the options. All training courses are led by Extension staff, experienced farmer trainers, and partner organizations. All trainings offer a certificate of completion, which is accepted as documentation of food safety training for the [Produce Safety Mini Grant](#) which will be available in Feb 2023 from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. (Training must be completed by March 11th, 2023 to be used for this purpose).

## In-Person Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and Farmer/Buyer Networking

These sessions will provide fruit and vegetable growers with science-based, farm-level practices for keeping fresh produce safe. You will start a food safety plan and leave with an understanding of how GAPs can protect your farm and your customers. This course will help you prepare to pass a GAP audit if you seek one for your farm.

### Agenda

**10:00am - 2:00pm:** GAPs training (for fruit and vegetable producers) (lunch included)

**2:15pm - 3:15pm:** Farmer/ buyer networking (for both farmers and buyers)



Location	Date	Address
Aitkin	December 1, 2022	Sampaguita Event Center 204 Minnesota Ave. N, Aitkin, MN 56431
Virginia	December 2, 2022	Natural Harvest Food Coop 732 4th St N., Virginia, MN 55792
Red Wing	December 19, 2022	Ignite Building 419 Bush St., Red Wing, MN 55066

Willmar	January 11, 2023	MinnWest Technology Campus 1700 Technology Dr. NE, Willmar, MN 56201
Fargo-Moorhead	January 12, 2023	First Congregational UCC Moorhead 406 South 8th St., Moorhead MN 56560
Rochester	January 18, 2023	UMN Regional Extension Office 140 Elton Hills Lane NW, Rochester, MN 55901
Northfield	February 8, 2023	Keepsake Cidery 4609 135th St. E, Dundas, MN 55019
St. Paul	February 16, 2023	Minnesota Farmers Union 305 Roselawn Ave. E #200, St Paul, MN 55117
Falcon Heights ( <i>Hmong language</i> ) 10:00am - 2:00pm*	February 28, 2023	The Good Acre Food Hub 1790 Larpenteur Ave. W, Falcon Heights, MN 55113
Falcon Heights ( <i>Hmong language</i> ) 4:30pm - 8:30pm*	March 1, 2023	The Good Acre Food Hub 1790 Larpenteur Ave. W, Falcon Heights, MN 55113
Mankato	March 14, 2023	The Wooden Spoon 515 N Riverfront Dr., Mankato MN 56001

\*No farmer/buyer networking

**Cost:** \$15 per farm, includes lunch, certificate of attendance and a small gift bag of various cleaning supplies for all participants. Scholarships are available to cover the cost of this course. Please email [jenri001@umn.edu](mailto:jenri001@umn.edu). One participant at each training will win a set of handwashing stand supplies!

**Register:** [z.umn.edu/GAPtraining](https://z.umn.edu/GAPtraining)

## **Online Half-Day GAPs Training**

Can't get to an in-person training? This 3.5-hour online course offers the same an in-depth look at GAPs on the farm and is a "one stop shop" to learn about food safety best practices in the production, washing, packing, storage and transport of fresh produce. These trainings are taught by UMN Extension and experienced farmer trainers.

**Jan 23:** 1:00pm - 4:30pm

**March 2:** 9:00am - 12:30pm

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## FSMA Produce Safety Rule Training

This course meets the training requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule for farms fully covered by the Produce Safety Rule. This regulatory training is offered in conjunction with the MDA Produce Safety Program and is led by UMN Extension, MDA staff and experienced farmer trainers. All growers interested in learning about produce safety, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and the FSMA Produce Safety Rule are encouraged to attend.

**Jan 26 in-person:** 8:45am - 5:00pm (lunch included)  
Minnesota Farmers Union, 305 Roselawn Ave., St. Paul, MN 55117

**Feb 14 and 15 two-day online:** 8:45am -1:00pm each day

**March 9 online:** 8:45am - 5:00pm

**Cost:** \$15, includes training materials and certificate of completion.

**Register:** [www.mda.state.mn.us/fsmatraining](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/fsmatraining) (these courses will open for registration in early December). Registration Deadlines: Two weeks before each class date, or until full.



### Questions?

Visit [www.mda.state.mn.us/producesafety](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/producesafety) or contact (651) 539-3648; [producesafety.mda@state.mn.us](mailto:producesafety.mda@state.mn.us)

**Learn more about GAPs and farm food safety at** [www.extension.umn.edu/growing-safe-food](http://www.extension.umn.edu/growing-safe-food)

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