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post harvest handling workshops

Renewing the Countryside and Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture will be hosting four post harvest handling workshops from mid-February to early April in various locations in Minnesota. The half day workshops will be presented by farmers Lisa Baker of Bakers' Acres and Laura Frerichs of Loon Organics and will cover a range of topics from on farm food safety to sorting and grading to transport. The cost to attend is \$20 for the first person and \$10 for the second if coming from the same farm (fee includes lunch). Workshop attendees will also get a discounted rate for the *Wholesale Success* book.

Participants will each receive a free copy (\$10 value) of *Farm Food Safety Decision Trees For Fruit and Vegetable Growers*. By, Elizabeth A. Bihn, Ph.D., Michele A. Schermann, R.N., M.S., Annette L. Wszelaki, Ph.D., Gretchen L. Wall, M.S., and Susannah K. Amundson, M.S.

With limited time, money, and available labor, produce farms must learn how to prioritize which practices to use on their farm to reduce food safety risks as well as achieve business goals. These Decision Trees were created to help you prioritize your farm food safety practices and begin to build your own farm food safety plan. These Decision Trees are intended to:

- Help you begin to identify food safety risks and practices that reduce risks,
- Help you prioritize implementation of practices to use your resources most efficiently, and;
- Familiarize you with the terminology, tools, and methods you may need to use to meet the requirements and expectations of your customers as well as future regulations for produce.

St. Charles -- March 3 -- Lisa Baker (Bakers' Acres)

Fairmont -- March 5 -- Joan Olson (Prairie Drifter Farm)

Little Falls -- March 20 -- Lisa Baker (Bakers' Acres)

Cannon Falls -- March 25 -- Laura Frerichs (Loon Organics)



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