



# Produce Safety

## Exemption/Exclusion Fact Sheet



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	Type	Qualifications	Proof	Requirements
Exemption	Qualified Exemption	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. More than \$25K (adjusted for inflation) in produce sales on a previous 3-year rolling average.</li> <li>2. Less than \$500k (adjusted for inflation) in total food sales during previous 3-year period.</li> <li>3. More than 50% of produce sold to qualified end user.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete the RI DEM Produce Safety Enrollment Form and return to the Division of Agriculture Produce Safety Program.</li> <li>2. Complete the associated affidavit reflecting an annual review was performed.</li> <li>3. Documentation showing qualifications are met.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When a food packaging label is required on food that would otherwise be covered produce, you must prominently and conspicuously include on the food packaging label the name and complete business address of the farm where the produce was grown.</li> <li>2. When a food packaging label is NOT required on food that would otherwise be covered produce, you must prominently and conspicuously display at the point of purchase on a label, poster, sign, or receipt the name and complete business address of the farm where the produce was grown.</li> </ol>
	Processing Exemption	All produce sold is going to be processed in a manner that adequately reduces the presence of microorganisms of public health significance.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete the RI DEM Produce Safety Enrollment Form and return to the Division of Agriculture Produce Safety Program.</li> <li>2. Complete the associated affidavit.</li> <li>3. Documentation showing qualifications are met.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disclose to buyers that produce is "Not processed to adequately reduce the presence of microorganisms of public health significance."</li> <li>2. Obtain from buyer specific outlined procedures guaranteeing the produce is "Going to be processed to adequately reduce the presence of microorganisms of public health significance."</li> </ol>
Exclusion	Micro	Less than \$25k (adjusted for inflation) in produce sales on a previous 3-year rolling average.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete the RI DEM Produce Safety Enrollment Form and return to the Division of Agriculture Produce Safety Program.</li> <li>2. Complete the associated affidavit reflecting an annual review was performed.</li> <li>3. Documentation showing qualifications are met.</li> </ol>	<p><b>NONE*</b></p> <p>* Although not required by the regulation, every produce farm should follow Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs).</p>
	Rarely Consumed Raw	Produce that is grown and sold is identified by FDA as Not Consumed Raw.		
	Personal Consumption	Produce grown is only for personal or on-farm consumption.		

Regardless of exemption or exclusion status all Rhode Island Farms are required to complete the Produce Safety Program Enrollment Form and begin developing a traceback system.