



# Produce Safety Rule

Is Olive Oil subject to new national food safety regulations for produce?

Not at this time.

- California Department of Food and Agriculture's Inspection Division.
- New unit created to enforce the Produce Safety Rule in California.
- Conducting inspections on behalf of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.



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# 30 produce commodities are exempt:

- asparagus
- black beans, great Northern beans, kidney beans, lima beans, navy beans, and pinto beans
- garden beets (roots and tops) and sugar beets
- cashews
- sour cherries
- chickpeas
- cocoa beans
- coffee beans
- collards
- sweet corn
- cranberries
- dates
- dill (seeds and weed)
- eggplants
- figs
- ginger
- horseradish
- hazelnuts
- lentils
- okra
- peanuts
- pecans
- peppermint
- potatoes
- pumpkins
- winter squash
- sweet potatoes
- water chestnuts

# FDA is exercising *Enforcement Discretion*

- For some other produce items.
- Growers of these commodities are not required to meet any of the Produce Safety Regulation requirements.
- This includes items that receive commercial processing to adequately reduce the presence of microorganisms.
- Examples = tomatoes and peaches grown for canning purposes.
- **Olive Oil**

# To qualify:

- Farms must disclose to the processor or handler that the product has not been grown in accordance with Produce Safety Rule regulations.
- This disclosure can be provided through labels, bills of lading, freight bills, shipment-specific certificates or other documents.

# Documentation is encouraged!!

- Producers and processors should develop a system to ensure proper documentation.
- Should your product become involved in a foodborne illness outbreak, you will be responsible to provide this information.
- If not available, you will be in violation of the law.



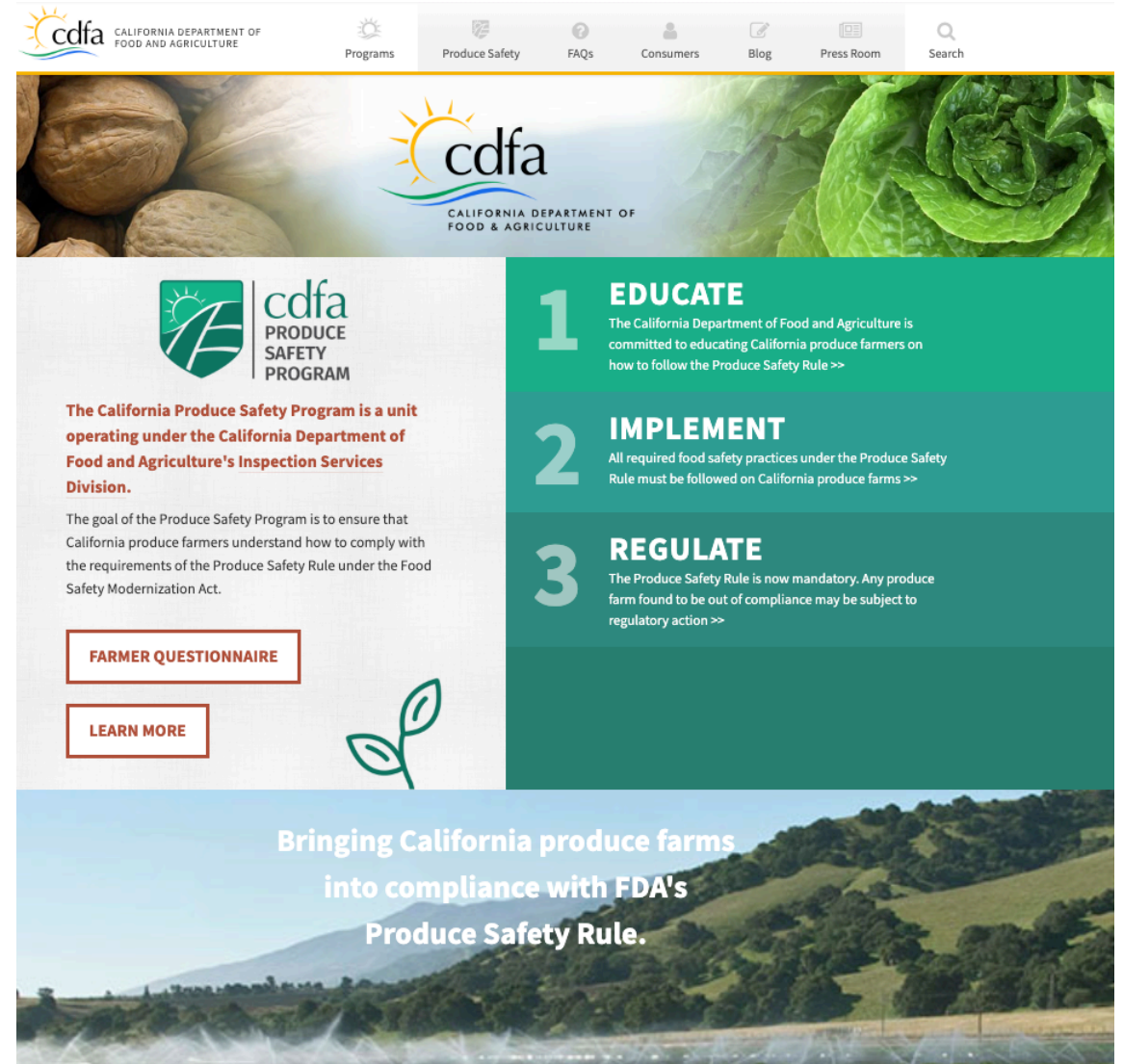
# Only exemptions are for:

- Very, very small farms (Annual sales less than \$25,000)
  - Farms who grow olive oil only for their own consumption.
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# More information:

[www.cdffa.ca.gov/producesafety](http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/producesafety)



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**The California Produce Safety Program is a unit operating under the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Inspection Services Division.**

The goal of the Produce Safety Program is to ensure that California produce farmers understand how to comply with the requirements of the Produce Safety Rule under the Food Safety Modernization Act.

**FARMER QUESTIONNAIRE**

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**1 EDUCATE**  
The California Department of Food and Agriculture is committed to educating California produce farmers on how to follow the Produce Safety Rule >>

**2 IMPLEMENT**  
All required food safety practices under the Produce Safety Rule must be followed on California produce farms >>

**3 REGULATE**  
The Produce Safety Rule is now mandatory. Any produce farm found to be out of compliance may be subject to regulatory action >>

**Bringing California produce farms into compliance with FDA's Produce Safety Rule.**