The Microbial Safety of Fresh Produce - Resources

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Scientific Publications


Books or Reports

“Voluntary Food Safety Guidelines for Fresh Produce” (1997)
Guidelines developed by the Western Growers Association and the International Fresh-cut Produce Association in partnership with California Department of Health Services/Food and Drug Branch, Arizona Department of Agriculture, USDA, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. To purchase (approximately $25.00):
Western Growers Association
17620 Fitch Street
Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 714-863-1000

“California Strawberry Commission Quality Assurance Manual”
A practical manual for the implementation of Good Agricultural Practices during the production and shipping of fresh and frozen strawberries. This manual could be easily adapted for use by other commodity groups.
California Strawberry Commission
41 Hangar Way
P.O. Box 269
Watsonville, CA 94077-0269 Phone: 408-724-2301
Fax: 408-724-0660

“Food Safety Guidelines for the Fresh-cut Produce Industry 3rd Edition”
Guidelines for implementation of sanitation and HACCP programs in a fresh-cut processing facility. The manual is available at a reduced cost to members of the International Fresh-Cut Produce Association.
International Fresh-Cut Produce Association
1600 Duke Street Suite 440
Alexandria, VA 22314 Phone 800-452-6552
Government Documents/ Press Releases

National Food Safety Initiative
http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/fs-toe.html
At this time English, Spanish and French versions are available only for the proposed guidelines. To access non-English versions go to the bottom of the English text.
http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/proddrf2.html

http://www.foodsafety.gov/~dms/prodguid.html

President’s Council on Food Safety August 25, 1998
http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/fs-wh12.html

FDA Interim Advisory on Alfalfa Sprouts August 31, 1998
http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~lrd/tpalfalf.html

Warning Labels Required on all Untreated Juices September 8, 1998
http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/NEW00653.html

Useful Government Resources

California Department of Food and Agriculture
www.cdfa.ca.gov

California Department of Health Services
www.dhs.ca.gov

National Agriculture Library
http://www.nal.usda.gov/

Federal Government - Access to USDA, FDA, CDC
www.FoodSafety.gov

Food Safety and Produce Information

University of California - Davis
www.ucdavis.edu
From this web site touch Outreach to access the following home pages:
  Center for Consumer Research
  FoodSafe Program
  Fruit and Nut Research Information Center
  Postharvest Outreach Program
  Seafood Network Information*
  Vegetable Research Information Center

* The Seafood Network is an excellent source of HACCP information particularly with respect to general information on biological hazards.

Institute of Food Technologists
http://www.ift.org

International Association of Milk Food and Environmental Sanitation
http://www.iamfes.org

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California Department of Food and Agriculture
www.cdfa.ca.gov

California Department of Health Services
www.dhs.ca.gov

National Agriculture Library
http://www.nal.usda.gov/

Federal Government - Access to USDA, FDA, CDC
www.FoodSafety.gov

Regulations

1997 FDA Food Code
The Food Code is a guidance document for food handling in food service and retail.
http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/foodcode.html

Code of Federal Regulations (searchable)

Other

CAST publication “Foodborne Pathogens: Review of Recommendations
http://www.cast-science.org

FightBac - an Education Campaign on Food Safety for Consumers
http://www.fightbac.org