**Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)** signed into law by President Obama

**January 4, 2011**

FDA released for public comment its Proposed Rule to establish science-based standards for growing, harvesting, packing & holding produce on domestic & foreign farms (“Produce Safety Rule”)

**January 4, 2013**

FDA published Proposed Rule in the Federal Register

**January 16, 2013**

FDA extended the comment period for the Proposed Rule until May 16, 2013

**February 15, 2013**

FDA made technical corrections to the Proposed Rule

**March 19, 2013**

FDA extended the comment period for the Proposed Rule until September 16, 2013

**April 26, 2013**

FDA extended the comment period for the Proposed Rule until November 15, 2013

**August 16, 2013**

FDA extended the comment period on the Proposed Rule until November 22, 2013

**August 19, 2013**

FDA published Notice to Prepare an EIS in the Federal Register

**November 15, 2013**

FDA extended the comment period for the Notice to Prepare an EIS until March 15, 2014

**December 19, 2013**

FDA indicated that it plans to publish revised Proposed Rule language for select provisions and seek comment on it

**November 18, 2013**

FDA announced its intent to prepare an EIS & the beginning of the “scoping process”

**March 11, 2014**

FDA published NOI extending scoping to April 18 & announcing EIS Scoping Meeting

**April 18, 2014**

End of EIS Scoping Period

For more information on the Proposed Produce Safety Rule, see [http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm334114.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm334114.htm)