U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Public Meeting:
Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption; Agricultural Water Requirements: Proposed Rule

February 25, 2022
9:00 am – 3:05 pm EST

Docket No. FDA-2021-N-0471

Agenda

8:45 AM  
**Participant Login**  

9:00 AM  
**Greeting/Logistics**  
Catherine McDermott, Program Analyst, Communications and Public Engagement Staff, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), FDA

9:05 AM  
**Welcome**  
Frank Yiannas, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Food Policy and Response, FDA

9:15 AM  
**Opening Remarks**  
Bruce Summers, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture

9:20 AM  
**Overview of the 2015 Produce Safety Rule Requirements and stakeholder feedback**  
Samir Assar, Director, Division of Produce Safety, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA  
Kruti Ravaliya, Consumer Safety Officer, Division of Produce Safety, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA

9:50 AM  
**Proposed Rulemaking Requirements**  
Kruti Ravaliya, Consumer Safety Officer, Division of Produce Safety, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA

10:25 AM  
**BREAK**

10:40 AM  
**Agricultural Water Assessment Builder**  
Michelle Smith, Senior Policy Analyst, Division of Produce Safety, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA  
Chelsea Davidson, Policy Analyst, Office of Food Policy and Response, FDA
11:00 AM  Training, Education and Outreach
Diane Ducharme, Consumer Safety Officer, Division of Produce Safety, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA

11:20 AM  Questions
Moderator: Catherine McDermott, Program Analyst, Communications and Public Engagement Staff, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA
Panelists:
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11:35 AM  LUNCH

12:20 PM  Regulatory Partners Perspectives on the Agricultural Water Proposed Rule
Moderator: Barbara Cassens, Director, Office of Partnerships, Office of Regulatory Affairs, FDA
Panelists:
Richard De Los Santos, Director, Office of Produce Safety and Livestock Export, Texas Department of Agriculture
Abbey Willard, Agricultural Development Division Director, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

12:50 PM  Stakeholder Perspectives on the Agricultural Water Proposed Rule
Moderator: Samir Assar, Director, Division of Produce Safety, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA
Panelists:
Jennifer McEntire, Chief Food Safety and Regulatory Officer, International Fresh Produce Association
Hilary Thesmar, Senior VP, Food Safety Programs, The Food Industry Association
Roger Noonan, President, New England Farmers Union
Michael Hansen, Senior Scientist, Consumer Reports

1:35 PM  BREAK

1:50 PM  Open Public Comments
Moderator: Catherine McDermott, Program Analyst, Communications and Public Engagement Staff, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA
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2:50 PM  Closing Comments
Susan Mayne, Director, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA

3:05 PM  ADJOURN