

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
invites you to apply for the

NC Produce Safety Academy



September 20-22, Smithfield
September 27-29, Fletcher



Join us for this 3-day continuing education course designed to help school nutrition staff identify and manage food safety risks associated with fresh produce.

Through classroom instruction, hands-on activities and a field trip, participants will learn about food safety from the farm to the serving line. If you purchase produce from any source, you will want to make plans to attend. The tentative schedule is:

- Day 1 Importance of Food Safety and the School Nutrition Program's Role in Maintaining It
Approved Suppliers and the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)
GAP, GHP, HACCP and Preventative Controls
Produce Lab - How to Grade Produce
- Day 2 Farm Tour - Produce Safety on the Farm
Visit Jackson Farming on September 21 - Watermelons and Sweet Potatoes
Visit Henderson's Best on September 28 - Apples
School Cafeteria Tour—Produce Safety in School Nutrition
- Day 3 Procurement
Increasing Merchandizing and Appeal
Recall Activity and Crisis Management

This course is open to School Nutrition Directors and Supervisors in the LEAs. Space is limited to one person per School Food Authority. Hotel accommodations will be provided. The School Food Authority is responsible for all additional expenses such as mileage and meals.

For more information contact Heather Barnes at 919-707-3127 or heather.barnes@ncagr.gov.

This training is based on USDA's "Produce Safety University". This course was developed by staff from NCDA&CS, NC State and NCDPI. The training is funded through a USDA Farm to School grant.

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Registration

Name _____

School District _____

Position _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

Space is limited to the first 25 applicants for each session. Please mark your first and second preference with a "1" and a "2".

_____ Eastern Session, September 20-22

_____ Western Session, September 27-29

Hotel rooms will be provided Tuesday and Wednesday night. Rooms will not be provided for participants traveling less than 35 miles.

_____ Yes, I will need a hotel room both nights.

_____ No, I do not need a hotel room.

Please complete and return this form by Friday, August 19 to Heather Barnes at heather.barnes@ncagr.gov.