



Fresh Market Strawberry Bulletin

March 17, 2016

Preseason Survey:

Last call for [survey](#) responses. Please include your say as this gives us direction for working on industry needs. Many thanks!

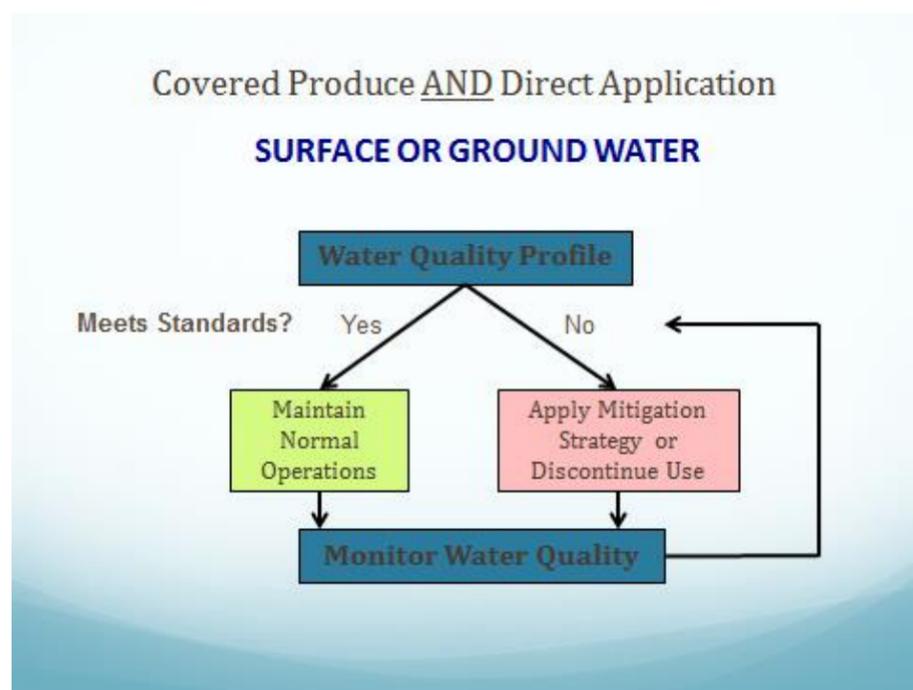
Pinch of Green:

Strawberry plants pushing count as all things green this St. Patrick's Day. This is the time we may start to see what condition the plants are in from the December rains/floods. Let's hope it's minimal.

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From 02-24-16 ODA FSMA update presentation by Stephanie Page.

Food Safety Modernization Act Update

The latest information for FSMA is summarized here. Much of the information has exemptions and options so it will take a few reads to determine how your farm fits into the Act requirements. Many of the details are still being sorted out, particularly who will be mandating this Act. Some of the general information that may be relevant to you is listed below.

Produce Safety Rule and Preventative Controls Rule:

Either or both of these rules will apply to your operation depending on the type of business you have. The Produce Rule generally relates to the growing portion of the operation. Irrigation [water quality](#) falls into this category along with worker, equipment, amendment and animal details. The Preventative Controls Rule generally relates to any processing activities, Good Manufacturing Practice, hazard analysis and risk-based preventative controls among other things.

Compliance Dates and Exemptions:

Depending on the scale of your operation and the end product you sell, there are specifics on when these rules are to be applied. [Compliance](#) begins as early as January, 2016.

Exemptions to these rules will be determined based on individual operations.

Training:

There is a [Produce Safety Alliance](#) (PSA) group that has been actively working on creating educational training materials for all operations that must comply with the Act. They are also creating Train the Trainer course outlines so certified trainers can perform training seminars. There are other organizations that will be involved to some degree for offering technical [assistance](#) to help comply with this Act.

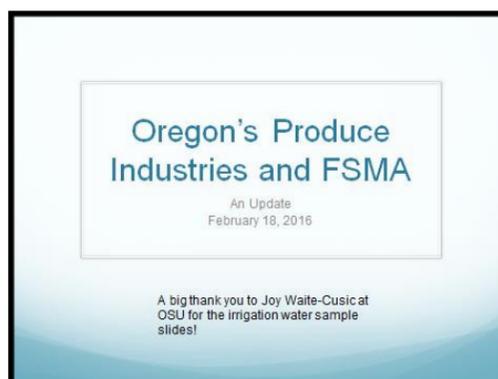
For answers to questions [here](#) is the link to the FDA inquiry page.

Further FSMA information can be found below.

Food Safety and Modernization Act Update

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[Click here for the presentation](#)



More FSMA Information:

- FDA Website [information](#).
- Produce Safety Alliance background and [information](#).
- FDA Exemption [list](#).
- FDA Compliance [dates](#).

Upcoming Events:

- **March 29 - OSC Commission Meeting.** 6 pm at McMenamins, 310 NE Evans st., McMinnville, OR. Budget Hearing at 5:30pm. Email Philip Gutt for more information, pnwa@comcast.net

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