

# USDA GHP & GAP Auditor Perspective

Michigan Department of Agriculture  
Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division  
Fruit and Vegetable Inspection

# 2009 USDA GHP and GAP Audits

- January-1
- February-0
- March-4
- April-1
- May-1
- June-3
- July-6
- August-36
- September-92
- October-59
- Total = 203 Passed (6 % failed)

# USDA GHP and GAP

- Good Handling Practices
- Good Agricultural Practices

= Reducing the risk of microbial contamination at the packing house and /or the farm.

# 2009 USDA GHP and GAP Audit Commodities

- Apples (majority)
- Potatoes
- Peaches
- Cherries
- Carrots
- Onions
- Blueberries
- Radishes
- Green Onions
- Beets
- Raspberries
- Apricots
- Pears
- Strawberries
- Watermelon
- Winter Squash
- Summer Squash
- Cantaloup

# Preparing

- A documented food safety manual
  - Fully Implemented
- Someone in charge of the program\
  - May be more than one person
- Organized
  - Save time
  - Cost
- Knowledgeable
  - Able to answer questions
- Select the sections you will be audited under:
  - General (Must always complete),
  - Part 1-Farm Review,
  - Part 2-Field harvesting & Field Packing Activities,
  - House Packing Facility,
  - Storage & Transportation.

# 2009 Farm size/Audit Cost

- 5 acres to over 3,000 acres
- Cost \$92.00 to \$1614.00

# Farm/Field Risks

## Farm:

- The area surrounding the farm
- Location of Porta John
  - Potable water (Water Test must state the water is potable or safe for drinking)
  - Soap
  - Towels
  - Cleaning Schedule
- Water source
  - Wells once a year
  - Surface three times a year
- Visitor
- Tractors
- Bins/Boxes

# Farm/Field cont.

## Employees

- Following procedure/policies
- Fully Trained
- General understanding of Food Safety
- Seeking first aid
- Signed document about training

# Change's for FY 2010 USDA Checklist.

- "Doc" column
  - D – document showing conformance including SOP's as well as a record.
  - R – Record is required to show action was taken.
  - P – Policy/SOP is documented (what will be done).
- Clarification of wording
- Point values were adjusted to standardize similar type.

# Changes to FY2010 USDA checklist cont.

- Traceback is Incorporated in General Questions G1 and G2, and (Part 1) 1-26, (Part 2) 2-21, (Part 3) 3-34, (Part 4) 4-31.
- Water Tests – One well water test annually (two previously)
- Farm maps – Include id's for each block. (1-26)
- Self audit prior to formal audit, signed and dated. (2-1) (May use USDA Checklist/sign/date/place in manual)

# Any Questions

- To schedule a USDA GAP Audit  
Contact or if you have questions:

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