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DIRECTIONS

UNH Cooperative Extension Office Rockingham County 113 North Road Brentwood, NH 03833

From the North: take 125 South through Epping, 1 mile past Highway 101 to Brentwood. At the traffic light and sign "Rockingham County Complex," take a left onto North Road, and follow for 1 mile to the complex. The Extension office is located behind the Human Resources Building, at the east end of the Rockingham County Nursing Home.

UNH Cooperative Extension Office Merrimack County 315 Daniel Webster Highway Boscawen, NH 03303

From the North: Head South on I-93. Take Exit 17W. Bear right from exit. Follow through to Boscawen. Road forks (Route 4 & Route 3) at big white church. Bear right at fork (Route 3) and continue toward Franklin. The Extension office is located on the left, 2.5+ miles from fork. The office is located directly across from the new corrections facility. Our Extension sign is in front of the building. We are the white house that sits at the bottom of the employee entrance to the nursing home.

UNH Cooperative Extension Office Grafton County 3855 Dartmouth College Highway North Haverhill, NH 03774

Travel on Rte 10 to the Grafton County complex in North Haverhill. The Grafton County Administrative Building is a large brick building with white pillars, (attached to the Nursing Home). The Extension Office is on the first floor. Handicapped parking is located in the rear of the building (follow the signs).

Food Safety Modernization Act

*What Do NH
Vegetable & Fruit Growers
Need To Know?*



6:00pm - 8:00pm

*Monday, August 5, 2013
UNH Cooperative Extension Office
Rockingham County, Brentwood, NH*

*Tuesday, August 6, 2013
UNH Cooperative Extension Office
Merrimack County, Boscawen, NH*

*Thursday, August 8, 2013
UNH Cooperative Extension Office
Grafton County, North Haverhill, NH*

THE FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT

The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) is a federal law intended to improve food safety by focusing on prevention. Two rules for implementing FSMA have recently been released in proposed form.

The Produce Safety Rule applies to “farms” or those who grow, harvest, pack or hold covered produce. The rules only apply to produce generally eaten raw, NOT for produce rarely eaten raw such as sweet corn, potatoes, pumpkins, etc. These proposed rules include a specific list of covered produce.

The Preventive Controls Rule applies to “facilities” that manufacture, process, pack or hold human food and to operations that buy and resell products grown on other farms.

These rules are currently in PROPOSED form. There is a public comment period open until September 16, 2013.

Additional information is available at: <http://extension.unh.edu/Food-Safety-Modernization-Act-FSMA>

WORKSHOP DETAILS

Members of New Hampshire’s farming community have expressed concerns about the Food Safety Modernization Act and how its proposed rules will impact their businesses. A task force of organizations and individuals across the state have been working for several months to try to read, understand and communicate to the farming community what FSMA may mean for them and for New Hampshire’s agricultural development.

As part of this effort we are hosting a two hour workshop in three different locations. The program will include a brief presentation of what we have learned so far, a panel of famers who have studied the rules and will share their concerns, and information on how to comment on the proposed rules.

Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop to the workshop. This is your chance to comment. The workshop presenters will demonstrate how to navigate the FSMA comment page and provide time for participants to draft or directly send comments.

For more information about these workshops please contact Heather Bryant, Field Specialist, Food and Agriculture, UNH Cooperative Extension, Grafton County, 603-787-6944 or Heather.Bryant@unh.edu.

