Dear NH Produce Grower:

The Produce Safety Rule (PSR), launched January 26, 2016, defines the minimum standards for the safe growing, harvesting, packing, and holding of produce on farms to minimize contamination that could cause serious adverse health consequences or death. New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food has delegated responsibility to Victoria Smith, Produce Safety Specialist, assisted by Debra Bunn, Produce Safety Inspector, for the implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule.

It is important that all fresh produce growers understand the risks to food safety that exist on the farm and take steps to manage food safety risks. Many of you have already attended or have sent staff to participate in a Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training. You may already have written a Farm Food Safety Plan and are well on your way to schedule an On-Farm Readiness Review (OFFR) farm visit. Many of the large PSR covered farms have completed their required farm inspections. Many others have just begun. We want you to receive the benefit of a review and rest assured that you will know what to do should your farm need assistance.

New Hampshire has a rich agricultural heritage and we want to be sure that NH agriculture remains to be an integral part of all that is the Granite State. We are ready to provide you with this opportunity, to share the information as it relates to your farm produce and have confidence in promoting NH grown foods.

We ask that you to complete the attached questionnaire, to be returned to the DAMF Produce Safety Program, Victoria M. Smith, Produce Safety Specialist.

Choose the method that is most convenient to you:
1) You may access the questionnaire on our website DAMF FSMA <https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/commissioner/food-safety.htm>
2) E-mail a scanned copy to: <Victoria.m.smith@agr.nh.gov>
3) Or, return hard copy to our postal address: PO Box 2042 Concord, NH 03302-2042

We will reach out by phone in a follow-up to your responses. Thank you.

Victoria M. Smith, Produce Safety Specialist
Debra E. Bunn, Produce Safety Inspector

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