



Vermont Produce Program Development

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Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule

1. One of 7 final FSMA Rules
2. Effective as of January 26, 2016
3. Sets national standards for farms that **grow, harvest, pack, or hold produce**
4. Tiered compliance dates based on annual sales
5. Several types of exemptions

Farms Subject to the PSR

Farms with greater than \$25,000 in annual **produce** sales—averaged over the past 3 years—are subject to the FSMA Produce Safety Rule.

Exemptions,
Requirements &
Compliance Dates Vary



Produce Program Milestones

Received FDA Cooperative Agreement

9/5/16–6/30/21 | \$3.625M over 5 years

Subawarded \$100K to UVM Extension

Piloted On-Farm Readiness Reviews

Launched Produce Safety Improvement Grant Program

\$74K awarded in 2017 | \$74K to be awarded in 2018

Compliance for some farms begins today, 1/26/18

Inspections will begin in 2019

Vermont's Produce Safety Continuum

SIGN UP on the Vermont Produce Portal

LEARN from your peers, produce safety workshops & resources

DRAFT a produce safety plan

JOIN the VVBGA CAPS program

ATTEND a Produce Safety Alliance training

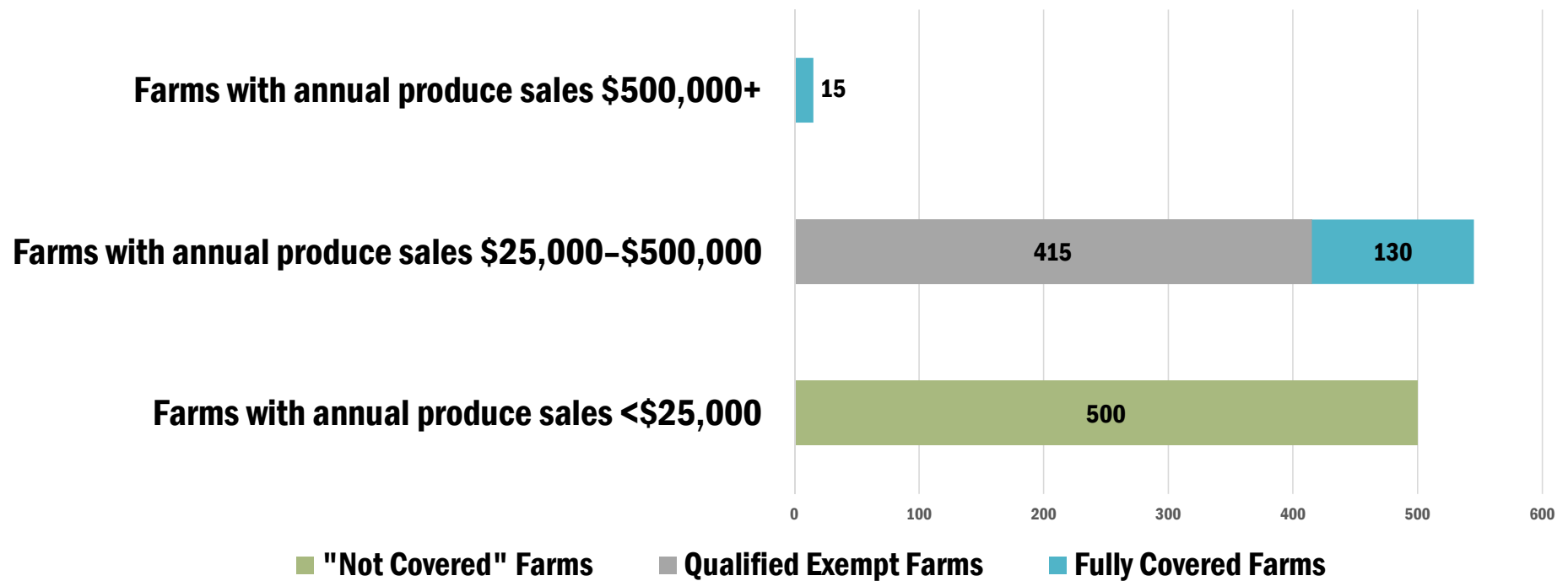
COMPLETE GAP certification

PARTICIPATE in an On-Farm Readiness Review

ACHIEVE FSMA compliance

Vermont State Impact

FSMA Produce Safety Rule in Vermont



Estimates based on 2012 U.S. Census of Agriculture data provided by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) for the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) in August 2015.

Key Requirements

Covered Farms

Conditions and practices that may contribute to microbial contamination of produce

Agricultural water

Biological soil amendments of animal origin (BSAAO)

Domesticated & wild animals

Equipment, tools, buildings & sanitation

Worker health, hygiene & training

Irrigation

Food contact surfaces

Raw manure

Stabilized compost

What should farms that grow produce do now?

Visit <http://agriculture.vermont.gov/produceprogram> to—
Sign up for the **Vermont Produce Portal** to determine farm coverage, receive updates on produce safety requirements, and request an **On-Farm Readiness Review**.
Apply for **Vermont Produce Safety Improvement Grants** to help pay for on-farm improvements to reduce produce safety risks.

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