

**U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Public Meeting:  
Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human  
Consumption; Agricultural Water Requirements: Proposed Rule**

**February 25, 2022  
9:00 am – 3:05 pm EST**

**Docket No. FDA-2021-N-0471**

**Agenda**

- 8:45 AM**                    **Participant Login**
- 9:00 AM**                    **Greeting/Logistics**  
Catherine McDermott, *Program Analyst, Communications and Public  
Engagement Staff, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), FDA*
- 9:05 AM**                    **Welcome**  
Frank Yiannas, *Deputy Commissioner, Office of Food Policy and Response, FDA*
- 9:15 AM**                    **Opening Remarks**  
Bruce Summers, *Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS),  
U.S. Department of Agriculture*
- 9:20 AM**                    **Overview of the 2015 Produce Safety Rule Requirements and stakeholder  
feedback**  
Samir Assar, *Director, Division of Produce Safety, Center for Food Safety &  
Applied Nutrition, FDA*  
Kruti Ravaliya, *Consumer Safety Officer, Division of Produce Safety, Center for  
Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA*
- 9:50 AM**                    **Proposed Rulemaking Requirements**  
Kruti Ravaliya, *Consumer Safety Officer, Division of Produce Safety, Center for  
Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA*
- 10:25 AM**                    **BREAK**
- 10:40 AM**                    **Agricultural Water Assessment Builder**  
Michelle Smith, *Senior Policy Analyst, Division of Produce Safety, Center for Food  
Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA*  
Chelsea Davidson, *Policy Analyst, Office of Food Policy and Response, FDA*

- 11:00 AM**                    **Training, Education and Outreach**  
*Diane Ducharme, Consumer Safety Officer, Division of Produce Safety, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA*
- 11:20 AM**                    **Questions**  
**Moderator:** *Catherine McDermott, Program Analyst, Communications and Public Engagement Staff, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA*  
**Panelists:**  
*Samir Assar, Director, Division of Produce Safety, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA*  
*Kruti Ravaliya, Consumer Safety Officer, Division of Produce Safety, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA*  
*Michelle Smith, Senior Policy Analyst, Division of Produce Safety, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA*  
*Chelsea Davidson, Policy Analyst, Office of Food Policy and Response, FDA*  
*Diane Ducharme, Consumer Safety Officer, Division of Produce Safety, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA*
- 11:35 AM**                    **LUNCH**
- 12:20 PM**                    **Regulatory Partners Perspectives on the Agricultural Water Proposed Rule**  
**Moderator:** *Barbara Cassens, Director, Office of Partnerships, Office of Regulatory Affairs, FDA*  
**Panelists:**  
*Richard De Los Santos, Director, Office of Produce Safety and Livestock Export, Texas Department of Agriculture*  
*Abbey Willard, Agricultural Development Division Director, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets*
- 12:50 PM**                    **Stakeholder Perspectives on the Agricultural Water Proposed Rule**  
**Moderator:** *Samir Assar, Director, Division of Produce Safety, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA*  
**Panelists:**  
*Jennifer McEntire, Chief Food Safety and Regulatory Officer, International Fresh Produce Association*  
*Hilary Thesmar, Senior VP, Food Safety Programs, The Food Industry Association*  
*Roger Noonan, President, New England Farmers Union*  
*Michael Hansen, Senior Scientist, Consumer Reports*
- 1:35 PM**                    **BREAK**
- 1:50 PM**                    **Open Public Comments**  
**Moderator:** *Catherine McDermott, Program Analyst, Communications and Public Engagement Staff, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA*  
**Panelists:**

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Diane Ducharme, *Consumer Safety Officer, Division of Produce Safety, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA*

**2:50 PM**

**Closing Comments**

Susan Mayne, *Director, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, FDA*

**3:05 PM**

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