



Produce Safety Cost-Share Stipend

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the produce safety cost-share stipend?

The cost-share stipend is intended to assist produce farms in meeting produce safety standards required by the MI Produce Safety Risk Assessment (PSRA).

What is the MI Produce Safety Risk Assessment (PSRA) Certificate program?

The PSRA is a free and voluntary tool to help produce growers meet the food safety standards in the Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule and Good Agricultural Practices. Farms that complete the PSRA can earn a certificate and are eligible to use the MI On-Farm Produce Safety logo.

What are the farm eligibility requirements?

Eligible farms must 1) be actively growing fresh produce for sale and 2) agree to work with their local Produce Safety Technician toward the goal of earning a PSRA Certificate.

What can I spend the cost-share dollars on?

Farms will work with their local Produce Safety Technician to agree on the best use of the cost-share funds. The funds must be used to directly benefit on-farm food safety. A few examples of approved cost-share items include worker training, handwash stations, microbial water tests, equipment upgrades, or cleaning supplies. This is not an exhaustive list of eligible use of funds.

Can I apply for more than one cost-share stipend?

Yes. Farms may apply for a cost-share stipend every year that funds are offered.

How much money can I apply for?

Pending funding availability, the produce safety cost-share stipend may cover the full cost of an on-farm food safety improvement up to two-hundred (\$200) dollars, and fifty-percent (50%) of additional costs of the approved on-farm food safety improvement up to a total of five-hundred (\$500) dollars.

How will I receive the money for the cost-share stipend?

If selected to receive cost-share funding, the farm must cover the cost of the item(s) upfront. Once proof of purchase has been provided to the local Produce Safety Technician, a check for the cost-share dollar amount will be issued to the farm through the Technician's primary Conservation District.

How are the cost-share stipends selected for funding?

Farms will be selected based on eligibility (see eligibility criteria above) on a first-come, first-serve basis.



Produce Safety Cost-Share Application

Please fill out completely and return to your local Produce Safety Technician

Applicant Name					
Farm Name					
Phone					
Email					
Physical Address					
Mailing Address (if different)					
What do you grow? Please list all commodities.					
Where do you sell? Please include all market channels.					
What are your average annual gross sales from fresh produce?	< \$10K	\$10-25K	\$25-\$35K	\$35-100K	> \$100K
Please describe your on-farm food safety experience. Use the back of this application if needed.					
Do you have a current written food safety plan?					
Are you willing to work with a Produce Safety Tech?					
Are you willing to earn a MI Produce Safety Risk Assessment Certificate?					
How will you use this stipend to benefit your on-farm food safety?					
Funds may cover 100% of the cost up to \$200 and 50% of the remaining cost up to \$500	Total Project Cost:		Total Amount Requested:		
Signature and Date					