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Over 35 years of experience in the agricultural sector, both private and governmental. The I & C Branch in conjunction with the County Agricultural Commissioners provides statewide enforcement of statutes and regulations for a variety of fruit and vegetable industry funded programs. Shipping Point Inspection provides a fee for service, inspection quality and auditing services under a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture. The newly created Environmental Auditing Unit is responsible for enforcement of the Produce Safety Rule, one of seven rules created under the Food Safety Modernization Act.

### Food Safety Modernization Act -Implementation Update and Progress











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### Food Safety Modernization Act

- Produce Safety
- Preventative Controls (Human food)
- Preventative Controls (Animal food)
- Sanitary Transportation
- Foreign Supplier Verification
- Third-party Certification
- Intentional Adulteration





- Cooperative agreement – 42 states
- Total amount: \$11.7 million
- Duration— 5 years
- Phase-in approach,
   Competition A and B.







# Feed Standards Implementation



- Cooperative agreement
- Total amount:
   \$300,000 Feed
   Program; \$150,000 –
   CAC laboratory
- Duration 5 years
- 11 standards to implement

### Working Partnerships





- Regular communication with FDA leadership and quarterly meetings with San Francisco and Los Angeles District Offices
- MOU in place with sister-agency, CA Department of Public Health
- Stakeholder input industry workgroups and regular update meetings

"Educate before and while we regulate"



### Produce Safety Rule (PSR)

- The rule supersedes voluntary metrics (It's federal law)
- Creates consistency on a national level
- No current acceptance from FDA that any scheme is PSR approved
- No current scheme allowed under FDA that is GFSI approved
- There is flexibility among the states in PSR implementation



### Produce Safety CDFA'S Tasks - Year 1 (Ends June 30, 2017)

- Jurisdictional self-assessment and planning
- Farm inventory
- Legislative research
- Infrastructure development
- Strategic multi-year planning



# Produce Safety CDFA'S Tasks

## Year 2 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018)

- Data sharing
- Create a prioritized inspection approach
- Internal staff training
- Opportunity to engage the buyer community
- Contract with entities to provide mandated grower training
- Voluntary survey to gather information
- Begin enforcement



Years 3, 4, 5 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021)

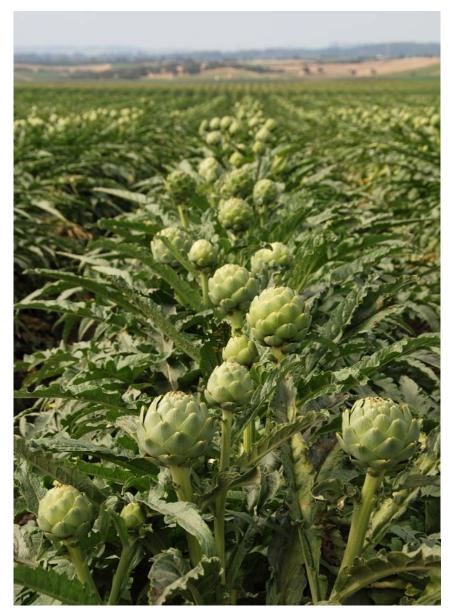
- Continued grower education in years
   3 and 4
- Increased enforcement visits
- Annual farm inventory assessments
- Ongoing industry commitment

# Current California Food Safety Certifications

Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement

Cantaloupe Advisory Board

USDA Harmonized and GAP



USDA Harmonized Audit

Scheduled to become GFSI approved

May be acceptable to FDA as compliant with PSR

Requires USDA Licensed auditors to perform the audit







Thank you!

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