

## **Extension Insights for How Best to Help Farmers with Flooded Fields**

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In the aftermath of flooding, fruit and vegetable crops may pose a food safety risk if consumed. These catastrophic events can have a lingering and potentially hazardous impact on public health. Crops and other food commodities exposed to flood waters can be considered adulterated and not suitable for human consumption or animal feed. In this presentation, we will review how to assess food safety risks that result from flood events and address additional concerns for future use of the crops and land affected.

### **Recommended Resources:**

#### **FDA Notice for Floods, Hurricanes, and Power Outages:**

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodDefense/Emergencies/FloodsHurricanesPowerOutages/ucm112723.htm>

#### **FDA Definition of Adulterated Food:**

<http://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Legislation/FederalFoodDrugandCosmeticActFDCA/ct/FDCAActChapterIVFood/ucm107527.htm>

#### **University of Wisconsin Extension - Testing of Field Crops and Soils Involved in Floods:**

[http://www.foodsafety.wisc.edu/assets/pdf\\_files/Analysis\\_Ec.pdf](http://www.foodsafety.wisc.edu/assets/pdf_files/Analysis_Ec.pdf)

#### **University of Vermont Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture - Food Safety Advice to Commercial Growers Regarding Flooded Crops**

<http://extension.umass.edu/agriculture/index.php/services/storm-prepresponse/167-food-safety-advice-to-commercial-growers-regarding-flooded-crops>