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**Earn $100 for On-farm Produce Safety Assessments**

Kansas State University (KSU), University of Missouri (MU), and Lincoln University (LU) Extension are looking for volunteers to allow KSU to conduct on-farm produce safety assessment on their farm, both before and after a training workshop. This assessment is part of a training research project and the results of your assessment will NOT be shared with regulatory bodies or any other entity, but will only be used to help improve the effectiveness of our produce safety trainings.

***What we will provide you:***

* Two (2) free on-farm produce safety assessments- one before the training workshop (assessments will be scheduled with you and will be conducted in September- October 2017) and one after the training workshop (assessments will be scheduled with you and will be conducted in March- May 2018)
	+ Assessments will be conducted by KSU’s new Produce Safety Extension Associate who has extensive experience in getting produce farms USDA GAP certified.
* Earn $50/ assessment, for a total of $100
* Free admission to one Intro to Produce Safety workshop (more information on those workshops below)
	+ All workshop participants will receive some free water testing
	+ Note that these workshops will NOT meet the training requirements of the FSMA produce safety rule, but that we are holding those workshops at other times across KS and MO.
* The assessment results will help you think through items to be improved if you want to be GAP certified

***What we are asking of you:***

* Access to your farm by the KSU Produce Safety Extension Associate, accompanied by a local KSU, MU or LU Extension personnel both this fall and next spring
* Your attendance at one of the half-day workshops described below

Please contact Cal Jamerson, KSU Produce Safety Extension Associate or your local Extension personnel if interested or have questions. (Tel: 913 307 7394, Email: agri@ksu.edu; [www.ksre.k-state.edu/foodsafety/produce/](http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/foodsafety/produce/) )

***Intro to Produce Safety workshop dates and locations:*** (Note that we plan to do 4 farm assessments/workshop)

* November 8, 2017, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Ft. Scott, KS
* November 13, 2017, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Independence, MO (KC area)
* November 14, 2017, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Wichita, KS
* November 15, 2017, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Colby, KS
* November 29, 2017, 10:00 am- 3:00 pm, Olathe Horticulture Research and Extension Farm
* Additional dates in 2 MO locations and at the Olathe Horticulture Farm will be added in the future.

Farmers are also welcome to sign up for these workshops, even if you do not want to have an on-farm assessment. These assessments and workshops are supported by a USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Food Safety Outreach Grant.

*KSRE is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to physical, visual, or hearing disability, please contact Londa Nwadike at* *lnwadike@ksu.edu*

