




Business Size	 Compliance Dates for Sprouts	 Compliance Dates For Most Produce	 Water Related Compliance Dates ¹	Compliance Date for Qualified Exemption Labeling Requirement ²	Compliance Date for Retention of Records Supporting a Qualified Exemption
All other businesses (>\$500K)	1/26/17	1/26/18	1/26/22	1/1/2020	1/26/16
Small businesses (>\$250K-500K) ³	1/26/18	1/28/19	1/26/23		
Very small businesses (>\$25K-250K) ⁴	1/28/19	1/27/20	1/26/24		

¹ According to the [Proposed Rule](#) issued 9/13/17, Compliance dates for Subpart E, Agricultural Water, allow an additional four years.

² A farm eligible for a qualified exemption must notify consumers as to the complete business address of the farm where the food is grown, harvested, packed, and held. ³ A farm is a small business if, on a rolling basis, the average annual monetary value of produce sold during the previous 3-year period is no more than \$500,000.

⁴ A farm is a very small business if, on a rolling basis, the average annual monetary value of produce sold during the previous 3-year period is no more than \$250,000.

Before the compliance date, every covered farm that does not qualify for an exemption must have a supervisor (such as a farm owner/operator) complete a standardized food safety training program. You can find out more about food safety training from the Produce Safety Alliance. <https://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/training>

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