

ATTENTION KETCHIKAN AREA GROWERS

The Alaska Division of Agriculture offers On-Farm Food Safety Workshops throughout the state. These workshops target both large and small growers, farmers' markets, home gardeners, and anyone interested in learning more about ways to grow, handle, and distribute fresh produce safely. The goal is to educate growers about food safety practices in the field and after harvest to minimize risk of food borne illnesses.

An On-Farm Food Safety Workshop is scheduled for Ketchikan on Thursday, August 21, 2014 from 10am-2pm. It will be held at the Alaska Small Business Development Center office located in the White Cliff Building at 1900 1st Avenue, Suite 223.

Workshops provide information, resources, and (when possible) on-site examples for producers to learn about good agricultural practices for ensuring food safety practices at a farm or garden. Workshops will help open new opportunities for farmers as well as help prepare them for the new FDA Food Modernization Act.

"Growers can make small affordable changes to help minimize risk on their farm and that is what we cover during these workshops," says Barb Hanson, Agriculture Inspector for the Division of Agriculture.

Don't miss out! The workshops are free and open to all interested growers.

Please contact Linda Koons Auger, SBDC Ketchikan Center Director, to sign up!

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