




Business Size	 Compliance Dates for Sprouts	 Compliance Dates For Most Produce	 Water Related Compliance Dates <sup>1,2</sup>	Compliance Date for Qualified Exemption Labeling Requirement <sup>3</sup>	Compliance Date for Retention of Records Supporting a Qualified Exemption
All other businesses (>\$500K)	1/26/17	1/26/18	1/27/20	1/1/2020	1/26/16
Small businesses (>\$250K-500K) <sup>4</sup>	1/26/18	1/28/19	1/26/21		
Very small businesses (>\$25K-250K) <sup>5</sup>	1/28/19	1/27/20	1/26/22		

<sup>1</sup>Compliance dates for certain aspects of the agricultural water requirements allow an additional two years. Provisions with extended compliance dates include:

- The specific microbiological criteria that apply to agricultural water
- Corrective measures that must be taken if agricultural water does not meet requirements
- The frequency of testing agricultural water
- Records associated with data to support a microbial die-off rate, corrective measures, test results from a public water system, or data used to support alternative die-off rates, criteria, or sampling strategies

<sup>2</sup> Guidance published 8/24/16 indicates that a farm has the option of collecting surface water samples over two to four years. For example, a farm that is not small or very small would begin sampling in 2018 and complete the sampling in 2019, 2020, or 2021.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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>