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CSA Operation Food Safety Preventive Measures Checklist

Harvest and Handling Preventive Measures	Yes	No	N/A
The farm has a written food safety plan and follows Maryland GAP.			
The farm has a system to regularly clean and sanitize: harvest tubs, distribution crates, tables, and delivery containers.			
Distribution Preventive Measures			
Produce crates that are reused are cleaned and sanitized between uses.			
Cardboard boxes should are treated as single use or lined with a disposable liner.			
CSA members bring clean containers for pickups and advised against reuse of dirty containers.			
Food is displayed in a way to reduce contamination during pick-up (utensils/tongs are provided to reduce risk in bulk bins).			
CSA members are instructed to wash hands before pick-up and handwashing stations are provided.			
Signs are posted to educate CSA members to wash produce prior to consumption.			
Produce stored on-farm is stored off the ground and in a covered area to prevent contamination.			
Refrigerators are regularly cleaned and sanitized and food is not stored under condensers or against the walls of the refrigerator.			
CSA produce left for pick-up is protected from the elements and enclosed to prevent access to pests and rodents.			
High risk/allergenic foods are left in a separate container from produce.			
CSA produce that requires refrigeration is be kept cool during distribution/transportation and while awaiting pickup.			
Truck beds/vans used to transport food are kept clean, free of dirt, animal manure, chemicals, etc			
Worker/Worker Share Hygiene Preventive Measures			
All Farm workers and CSA members who perform work shares are trained in food safety and records of annual trainings are maintained.			

Farmer Hygiene Preventive Measures		
The farmer follows the same hygiene procedures as the workers.		
The farmer maintains a first aid kit so that worker injuries can be properly addressed.		
Farm Event Preventive Measures		
Farm visitors are informed of food safety procedures and procedures are posted.		
Pets (except service animals) are not allowed in and around produce to be consumed.		
Food demonstrations/samples are kept at proper temperatures to prevent contamination.		
Areas of the farm (production areas) off limits to visitors are cleared marked.		

Source: Farmers Market Federation of NY, Cornell University, Cooperative Extension, Jefferson County, Food Safety Training Curriculum, Food Safety Recommendations for Community Supported Agriculture, http://www.nyfarmersmarket.com/training-curriculum/