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2025 Produce Average Monetary Value Exemption Registration Worksheet

Three-year average monetary value of less than **$33,297**†

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The Maryland Produce Safety Program has adopted the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Produce Safety Rule (PSR) through Maryland legislation that was effective July 1, 2019. The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) will be conducting outreach, education, registration, inspection and enforcement activities for the PSR Information on individual farms collected through this program will not be shared with any entities or persons outside of the MDA unless it is part of an active food borne illness outbreak investigation. All data collected concerning farms is shared with FDA as aggregate data only. If you have questions concerning your eligibility, please review the Maryland Department of Agriculture "Produce Safety Rule Exemptions and Compliance Dates Fact Sheet" or contact MDA at (410) 841-5769 or produce.safety@maryland.gov. This worksheet is for your use to determine if you are eligible for the exemption and should not be submitted to MDA. The 2025 Produce Average Monetary Value of less than $33,297 Exemption Registration Form (Page 2) must be submitted to MDA to exclude you from the inventory of farms required to fully comply with the PSR.

The PSR does not consider a farm or farm mixed-type facility with an average annual monetary value of produce sold during the previous 3-year period of less than $33,297†as a "covered" farm. For this exemption, the baseline value was established in 2011 at $25,000 and has been adjusted for inflation annually. The annual adjustment for inflation is posted to FDA's website every April for the previous year. The adjusted value for 2022 is $32,240, for 2023 is $33,415, and for 2024 is $34,233. The three-year average maximum sales amount allowed for this exemption is $33,297.

† On a rolling basis and adjusted for inflation; current value is based on adjusted inflation value for 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Complete this worksheet (page 1) and retain for your records. DO NOT submit Page 1 to MDA

1. Insert your total ***produce*** sales (All produce not just produce considered covered by the Produce Safety Rule) for 2022, 2023, and 2024.
2. Add your 2022, 2023 and 2024 Total Produce Sales to get the Total produce sales for three years.

_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	0	
(2022)		(2023)		(2024)		(Total produce sales for three years)	

3. Divide the Total produce sales for three years, calculated above, by three to calculate the three-year average.

0	Divided by "3" =	0	
(Total produce sales for three years, from above)		(Three-year average)	

⚠**Pause and assess:** Is the three-year average value (Step 3) less than $33,297?

☐ YES - You are eligible for the Sales Amount Exemption, fill out and submit the registration on page 2.

☐ NO - You are NOT eligible for this exemption. Please refer to the other exemption categories to determine if you are eligible for another type of exemption.

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Note: File this form with the Maryland Department of Agriculture to be excluded from the inventory of farms required to fully comply with the Produce Safety Rule.

Name of Farm

Name of person filing

Telephone

Email

Mailing Address

Mailing City, State and Zip Code

I/we acknowledge the following:

- Based on the adjusted for inflation annual monetary values for 2022, 2023, and 2024 my/our average sales value of produce is $33,297 or less qualifying my/our farm as not covered by the Produce Safety Rule.
- I/we will review our sales values of produce annually and notify the Maryland Department of Agriculture if I/we no longer meet the requirements for this exemption.
- Qualifying my/our farm for this exemption does not preclude me/us from following the requirements of the FDA Produce Safety Rule and Maryland Produce Safety Program.
- Qualifying my/our farm for this exemption does not exempt my farm from complying with all adulteration and other applicable provisions under the U.S. Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act.
- Qualifying my/our farm for this exemption does not exempt my/our farm from complying with other applicable Maryland and local laws and regulations.

Filer's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Filer's Title: _____

Send completed documentation to: Email: produce.safety@maryland.gov; Fax: (410) 841-2750; or
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