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2026 Produce Safety Rule Sales Value Exemption Registration Worksheet

Three-year average monetary value of produce sales is less than $34,324

This worksheet is for your use in determining if you are eligible for the Sales Value Exempt status. If eligible, the Produce Safety Rule Sales Value Exempt Registration Form (page 2) should be completed and returned to the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) annually.

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

Name of Farm: _____

Address of Farm: _____

1. Calculate your three-year average of gross PRODUCE sales for the years 2023-2025. Produce includes fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, peanuts, tree nuts, herbs, microgreens and sprouts irrespective of seed source, grown by and/or purchased and sold by you/your operation.

Years	Gross Produce Sales	Three-year Gross Produce Sales (2023+2024+2025)	Three-year average (Three-year total ÷ 3)
2023			
2024			
2025			

If your three-year average is greater than $34,324 you are not eligible for this exemption. If your three-year average is less than $34,324 you are eligible for this exemption.

The Produce Safety Rule does not consider a farm or farm mixed-type facility with an average annual monetary value of produce sold during the previous three-years, with a value less than $34,324 as a covered farm.

This worksheet (Page 1) is for your 2026 records. Do not submit Page 1 to MDA.

Date of Annual Review: _____

Name/Title of Reviewer: _____

Signature of Reviewer: _____

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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: _____ **Email:** _____

Name of Person Filing: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address of Farm: _____

I/We acknowledge all the following to be true, *please check boxes for acknowledgement*:

☐ Based on the adjusted for inflation annual monetary values for 2023, 2024, and 2025 my/our average sales value of produce is $34,324 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 (MDA) 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/our 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.

Date of Annual Filing: _____

Name/Title of Filer: _____

Signature of Filer: _____

Please return completed documentation to: produce.safety@maryland.gov or Fax (410) 841-2750 or MDA – Food Quality Assurance Program 50 Harry S Truman Parkway Annapolis, MD 21401

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