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### **Workshop – “Food Safety for the Small Farm”**

Thursday, December 16, 2010  
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
UC Cooperative Extension  
1720 S. Maple Ave. – Fresno, CA 93702

Food Safety is becoming ever more important.

This workshop for farmers will discuss what the farmer can do on his/her farm to more reliably ensure that everything is being done possible to reduce contamination. The large leafy greens (spinach, chard, cabbage, etc.) growers have developed their own food safety agreement. The fresh market tomato growers have developed guidelines for many of their growers through United Fresh. These are all industry driven. More recently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is proposing to develop some type of food safety program for the other 60,000 plus small farmers in California.

Companies, organizations, and agencies such as PrimusLabs.com, CDFA (California Department of Food and Agriculture), and NSF Davis Fresh perform food safety audits for some of the biggest farms in California and throughout the nation.

Farmers and other interested persons will learn about 3<sup>rd</sup> party audits, USDA-AMS food safety guidelines, GAPS, and GHP's, and specific information related to a “Farm Review”. The discussion will be led by Steve Thomas, Inspection and Compliance Branch Chief with the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

You can find out more about this workshop meeting at <http://cefresno.ucdavis.edu> or by calling to register with Yolanda Murillo at 559-456-7285. The workshop is free but space is limited.

