

## **8. Food Defense and Security - Risk Assessment**

Farmer Name and Code:

Farm Location

Crop/Product Name

Producer Group Name

### **1. Purpose and Scope**

- This document is to outline the handling of general food security on the farm.
- This covers all aspects of the cranberry operation and include all employees.

### **2. Responsibility**

- Producer members are responsible for food defense and security on the farm.
- All workers are responsible to report unusual activities or behavior.
- Framer promotes food defense and security to all workers in an effort to make them more aware of the risks and dangers and the steps required to protect our food supply from many different types of problems.

### **3. Procedures**

**3.1.** Product trace and recall are outlined in Product Traceability procedure

#### **3.2. Investigation of Suspicious Activities**

- Producer members will investigate all reported signs of tampering, or other malicious, criminal actions.
- Producer members will alert appropriate public health authorities about any threats or suspected tampering, or other malicious, criminal, actions.

#### **3.3. Evaluation of Suspicious Activities**

- Producer members designee will examine the results of any past tampering or other malicious, criminal actions.
- Producer members review and verify, at least annually, the effectiveness of their food security policies, and implement program changes accordingly.
- Producer members perform random food security inspections of all appropriate are as on the farm.
- Producer members will verify that security contractors are doing an appropriate job, when applicable.

### **3.4. Staff Screening**

- Producer members will examine the background of all new workers who work in sensitive areas, such as using agrichemicals (pesticide application).

### **3.5. Daily Work Assignments**

- Producer members will know who should be on the farm premises and what they are assigned to do. This information will be kept updated.

### **3.6. Identification**

Producer members has established a system of identifying workers with a badge or another means, where required.

### **3.7. Restricted Access**

- Producer members have identified chemical storage areas and have placed procedures into practice that limit access to these critical areas. Chemical areas are in a sealed room with locks. All keys/ combinations are controlled and monitored.
- Access to keys/combinations is periodically reviewed to be sure it is controlled well.
- When workers with restricted access keys leave farm employment, their keys are retrieved before they leave. In the event a key is not recovered, the locks will be immediately changed to all restricted areas for which the key or keys are missing. New keys will be issued as required. If combination locks are used, combinations will be changed.
- The activities of off-duty workers and visitors are monitored by means of an escort at the discretion of the grower (based on potential threats). In special cases entrance points are used and must be clearly marked and monitored as required.

### **3.8. Awareness to workers**

- Periodically the producer members will hold awareness sessions to remind workers on how to prevent, detect, and respond to tampering or other malicious, criminal, or terrorist actions or threats.

### **3.9. Workers Health**

Producer members will be on alert for untypical worker health

### **3.10. Public Access**

- Producer members as required may inspect incoming and outgoing vehicles for suspicious, inappropriate, or unusual items or activity to the extent practical.
- Visitors visits will be controlled

### 3.11. Physical Security

- All sensitive areas, such as chemical and fertilizer storage structures, are secured
- All keys to the farm (in particular, storage areas) are controlled and accounted for with special attention to plant protection product storage.
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### 3.12. Storage and use of Chemicals

- Access to plant protect ant products are limited and controlled by means of keys. These substances are stored away from food products.
- All chemicals are labeled properly and stored safety.
- Inventory of all chemicals will be kept in the storage room.
- Stock will be checked regularly

### 3.13. Water and Utilities

- Producer members will limit access, where practical, to controls for water and electricity.
- Irrigation water will be tested annually.

### 3.14 Harvested products

- Producer members perform random inspections of container storage areas and of vehicles for suspicious conditions.
- Investigate missing or extra stock or other irregularities outside the normal range of variation.

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### **Risk Assessment**

<b>Risk Assessment Table</b>					
Type of Risk	Potential Risk	Potential Risks Significant ?	Is this Likely?	Justification for Decision	Preventive Measures
Suspicious Activities					

Unusual Behavior					
Plant Protection Product Access					
Public Access to Farms					
Physical Security of Farm Areas					
Storage and use of Chemicals					
Security of Water and Utilities					

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