



South Carolina
**DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE**
CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION
PRODUCE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Hugh E. Weathers,
Commissioner

APPLICATION FOR PRODUCE SAFETY RULE EXEMPTION

Requirements for Basic Exemption:

One of the following requirements must be met.

A. Only grow produce that is rarely consumed raw, specifically the produce on the following exhaustive list: asparagus, black beans, great Northern beans, kidney beans, lima beans, navy beans, pinto beans, beets, garden (roots and tops) beets, sugar beets, cashews, sour cherries, chickpeas, cocoa beans, coffee beans, collards, sweet corn, cranberries, dates, dill (seeds and weed), eggplants, figs, ginger, hazelnuts, horseradish, lentils, okra, peanuts, pecans, peppermint, potatoes, pumpkins, mature southern field peas (such as black-eyed peas, cowpeas, crowder peas, purple hull peas, sea island peas, silver peas, and speckled peas), winter squash, sweet potatoes, and water chestnuts.

B. All produce grown is used only for personal consumption or produced for consumption on the farm or another farm under the same management.

C. All produce grown receives commercial processing that adequately reduces the presence of microorganisms of public health significance. You must disclose in documents accompanying the produce, in accordance with the practice of the trade, that the food is "not processed to adequately reduce the presence of microorganisms of public health significance," AND you must annually obtain written assurance, from the customer that performs the commercial processing that they have established and are following procedures that adequately reduce the presence of microorganisms of public health significance.

D. During the previous 3-year period your average produce sales was less than \$25,000 (on a rolling basis) adjusted for inflation using 2011 as the baseline year for calculating the adjustment. Records for the previous 3-year period must be provided to prove exemption based on sales.

Requirements for Qualified Exemption:

Both of the following requirements must be met.

A. During the previous 3-year period, annual FOOD sales are less than \$500,000 adjusted for inflation, and the amount of sales sold to qualified end-users exceeded the amount sold to all other buyers.

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- B. You sell more than 50% of your annual food sales to qualified end-users located in South Carolina or within the same Indian Reservation or within 275 miles of your farm.

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Name of Applicant _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Name of Farm: _____ Phone: _____

Farm Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code County

Type of Exemption: ☐ *Basic Exemption ☐ Qualified Exemption

*If selecting Basic Exemption, please circle one of the following categories (see previous page for definition): A B C D

Pursuant to Section 39-26-30 and 39-26-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, Amended May 19, 2017, above named Applicant certifies compliance with requirements for exemption of inspections and regulations required under the Produce Safety Rule. Details of such exemptions are listed on page one of this application.

*Farms must apply annually to qualify for exemption.

Date of application: _____

Applicants Signature: _____

Applicants Title: _____

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Paperwork reviewed and in compliance

Exemption Certificate No. _____
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