

SYSCO PRODUCE QUALITY ASSURANCE AND FOOD SAFETY

Sysco Produce

- **Sysco has 2 produce buying offices in place (Salinas, CA and Pompano FL) employing 65 individuals exclusively dedicated to procuring fresh produce daily.**
- **Sysco sells over \$3 billion annually of fresh produce and distributes it through 110 distribution centers in North America**
- **Sysco has centralized all of its produce purchases through periodic RFP's allowing for true leveraged purchasing and guaranteed availability year round.**

Sysco QUALITY

- **Sysco has 25 fulltime QA people in the field fully devoted to fresh produce.**
- **All lettuce fields proposed for Sysco brand are pre-inspected to insure they meet Brand specifications.**
- **All Sysco brand lettuce products exceed USDA #1 specifications.**
- **Our Natural produce Brand requires minimum ship-time from time of harvest.**
- **All Sysco brand facilities are independently audited unannounced annually by Sysco QA for HACCP, GAP, recall and security programs.**

Sysco Food Safety

- **Verifies GAP 3rd party audits on suppliers that grow “ready to eat produce” through exclusive agreement with Primus data base.**

Produce Food Safety

Moving Forward Sysco GAP Program

- **Good agricultural practices relate to the core practices of produce food safety.**
- **Third-party audit of GAP and harvest crew a means to move the industry beyond the letter of guarantee.**
- **GAP Matrix issue and compliance issue. Focus on compliance**

Expectations

- **All ready-to-eat produce distributed, regardless of brand, to have a third-party GAP and Harvest Crew Audit associated with the field the produce was harvested from.**
- **PrimusLabs.com to manage the data system.**
- **One of several approved auditing sources will be accepted if meeting minimum requirements.**
- **We assist local growers to get certified**

Definitions

- **Ready-to-eat produce is described as any fresh produce, processed or field packed, that is ready to eat in it's existing condition. Excluded are orchard fruit, root crops, tree nuts and other produce that is commonly cooked prior to consumption.**
- **Examples included are lettuce, berries, tomatoes, celery, green onions, herbs and sprouts.**

Buying Decision Database

Approved suppliers are listed based on food safety compliance:

- Database manages approved supplier
- Product is bought from approved suppliers
- Quick and easy way to make safe buying decisions

The screenshot displays a web browser window with the URL <http://intranet.primuslabs.com>. The page is titled "Supplier Profile - Microsoft Int" and shows a detailed view of a supplier's compliance data.

Supplier Profile Summary:

- Supplier Name:** 20/20 Produce
- Compliance:** [FULL COMPLIANCE]
- Contact:** Mark Williams
- Contact Title:**
- Location:** Paul, Idaho, United States
- Phone:** (208) 438-8966
- Email:** mwilliams@server.com

Audits Table:

	Audits Done	Avg.	Min	Max	Dev
GMP	2	95	93	97	2
GAP	2	97	96	98	2

Food Safety Documents Table:

Document Name	Document Type	Expiration Date	Link
Winter Graden Produce Manual	Packinghouse Manual	-	Get document
Insurance 1	Insurance Document	Jan 03, 07	Get document

Lab Results Table:

Source	Type	Analysis	Link
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The left sidebar of the interface lists product categories and their associated suppliers:

- Leafy Greens:** 20/20 Produce, 5 Girls Produce, Advanced Cooling
- Tomatoes:** Agricola Rio Blanco S.A., Airdrome Orchards, Inc, Alex Kontos Fruit Co.
- Melons:** Alsum Farms, Alsum Produce, BeachSide Produce, LLC, BC Hothouse Foods Inc.
- Berries:** American Cooling, Arrowhead Potato Co., Inc, Baker Packing Co.
- Vegetables:**

Sysco Traceability

- **Sysco is one of 34 industry leaders that developed and endorsed the Produce Traceability Initiative this last October committing the industry to a timeline of specific initiatives to guarantee 100% traceability back to the field.**

Sysco Traceability

- **All Sysco broad line distributor locations scan product in and out of our electronically in order to insure traceability today.**
- **Formal recall program with crisis call system in place**
- **Mock recall to verify ability to track product**

Sysco Sustainability/Local Buy

- **Partnered with Wallace Center in development of local grower workshop to provide education on GAP's understanding compliance.**
- **Introducing concept of grouping local growers to help provide liability insurance**

Sysco Sustainability/Local Buy

- **Integrated Pest management program.**
- **Growers are not to use bio-solids on crops or genetically modified organisms used in the program.**
- **Supplier code of conduct includes ethical and social responsibilities.**

As you can see it is not as easy as it may appear to provide fresh produce to our customers. Sysco is committed to make all the investments to insure we are providing high quality, competitively priced safe and sustainable food to our customers.