



PRESS RELEASE

CPMA and NSF Canada to Offer Online Food Safety Workshops Beginning in June

May 20, 2020 (Ottawa, ON) – CPMA has partnered with NSF Canada, a division of [NSF International](#) and a global leader in the provision of public health and safety risk-based management solutions, to offer online Food Safety, Regulatory and Quality Assurance workshops to CPMA members and non-members, beginning in June. These workshops were originally planned to take place in person, but have now been moved to an online format due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The workshops are specifically targeted toward small, and medium-sized local growers, packers and shippers, however all produce supply chain personnel are welcome and encouraged to attend. The topics covered in the workshops will include food safety principles, an overview of the current regulatory landscape, the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations and an introduction to quality assurance principles.

These engaging workshops will feature interactive exercises, discussions, and opportunities to apply new knowledge gained, including assessing and using the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations, where appropriate, to enhance understanding of produce-specific preventive control plan (PCP) requirements.

The [Safe Food for Canadians Regulations](#) officially came into force for the produce industry January 15, 2020, and CPMA plans to support ongoing member compliance through these workshops. The first workshop will take place over the course of three days: June 11, June 15 and June 17, 2020. Subsequent workshop dates are to be announced.

CPMA Food Safety, Regulatory and Quality Assurance Workshop

Dates and times: Day 1 – Thursday, June 11, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Day 2 – Monday, June 15, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Day 3 – Wednesday, June 17, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Please note: attendance at all three sessions is required to complete the course

Location: Online via Adobe Connect – link will be sent to participants upon registration

Fee: \$80 (+HST) per person

[Click here to register for this workshop.](#)

Note: workshops will be limited to 25 participants in order to maximize engagement with participants.

The CPMA – NSF Canada Workshops are available to CPMA members and non-member companies. To learn more about CPMA membership, please visit cpma.ca/membership.

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About the Canadian Produce Marketing Association (CPMA):

Based in Ottawa, Ontario, CPMA is a not-for-profit organization that represents a diverse membership made up of every segment of the produce industry supply chain who are responsible for 90% of the fresh fruit and vegetable sales in Canada. CPMA is fortunate to represent a sector that is both a significant economic driver for communities and that also improves the health and productivity of Canadians.

About NSF International / NSF Canada:

NSF International is an independent, non-governmental organization, dedicated to being the leading global provider of public health and safety risk-based management solutions while serving the interest of all stakeholders. Since 1944, NSF International has evolved its mission to protect food safety at every stage of the food supply chain around the globe.