



**Instructions on How to Comment on
Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption Relating
to Agricultural Water; Proposed Rule**

Comment Period Ends on April 5, 2022
Docket Number: FDA-2021-N-0471

In the Federal Register of January 6, 2022, the FDA announced two public meetings and request for comments to engage with stakeholders and invite input on the Proposed Rule: Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption Relating to Agricultural Water.

This proposed rule would amend the agricultural water provisions of the produce safety regulation to replace the microbial criteria and testing requirements for preharvest agricultural water for covered produce (other than sprouts) that covered farms have found to be complex and challenging to implement, with provisions for comprehensive assessments of pre-harvest agricultural water systems, practices, and on-farm conditions.

We will consider all comments made at these public meetings or received through the docket.

The public comments are due **APRIL 5, 2022**.

There are two ways to comment:

Comment electronically at:

- Food and Drug Administration; Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption Relating to Agricultural Water; Proposed Rule, Docket No. FDA-2021-N-0471.
(<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/01/07/2021-28503/standards-for-the-growing-harvesting-packing-and-holding-of-produce-for-human-consumption-relating>)

Written comments may be mailed to:

Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305),
Food and Drug Administration,
5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061,
Rockville, MD 20852

All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2021-N-0471 for “Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption Relating to Agricultural Water.” Please see the Federal Register notice for the [proposed rule](#) or for the [public meetings](#) for more information on how to submit confidential submissions and view comments that have been received.

*NOTE: The comment due date indicated on Regulations.gov is based on Eastern Standard Time. In this instance the comment due date is listed as **April 5, 2022** so comments are due on that date by 11:59 PM ET. Also, please note that comments are not retrievable once submitted. To make changes, submit another comment referring to your previous comment correcting any errors and/or re-stating your position or opinion.*