

Agricultural Water: Assessment / Data Sheet (LFH)

Farm Name: _____

Person Completing: _____ Date: _____

Is Third-party Food Safety Certification (USDA GAP, H-GAP, GFSI) maintained on crops sold to Local Food Hub?

Yes → Please provide LFH with *annual renewal paperwork / certificate*, specifying covered crops and audit scopes.

- No additional documentation on water testing is required by LFH.
- You do not need to complete the remainder of this form.

No → Please complete the following information

Harvest and Post-Harvest Water (Including Handwashing)

- All water sources used must be tested annually to ensure they are potable / meet drinking water standards. **Please submit results to LFH.**
- Delivery system (hoses, pumps, well caps etc.) must be inspected annually, protected from potential contamination, and kept clean and in good working order.

LFH recommends minimal water use in post-harvest processing whenever it is possible to do so without compromising crop quality

- Examples: spray wash greens rather than full submersion, dry brush systems, employ alternatives to hydro-cooling such as air cooling and adjusting harvest time, using field methods like plastic mulch and trellising to control soil splash

Please check the corresponding water source for each on-farm application

	Groundwater (Well)	Municipal	Other:
Hand-washing			
Post-harvest washing / cooling			
Ice Production			

Briefly describe your post-harvest process by crop / crop type (group similarly treated crops):

Crop: _____

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Production Water: Irrigation, Fertigation, Spray Application

Does water contact, or is it likely to contact, the harvestable portion of crop(s) sold to LFH as a result of delivery method(s) during production?

- No → LFH **does not** require water testing, although an understanding of your water quality profile through quantitative testing is highly recommended.
- Yes → LFH requires that **controls are put in place to mitigate potential contamination** (ex. time interval between application of water and harvest or water treatment at time of application). Furthermore, LFH strongly recommends and may request that the farm conduct **quantitative testing for generic E. coli** on water that contacts the harvestable portion of the crop.

Please check the corresponding water source for each on-farm application AND write in delivery method used (i.e. drip – subsurface or at surface, overhead, hose, other)

	Untreated Groundwater	Treated Groundwater	Municipal	Untreated Surface Water	Treated Surface Water
Irrigation					
Fertigation					
Spray Applications					
Other:					

- Delivery system (hoses, pumps, tanks etc.) must be inspected annually, protected from potential contamination, and kept clean and in good working order.