



Preharvest Water

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Agricultural water must be safe and adequate sanitary quality for its intended use.

The source of agricultural water should be monitored for possible contaminants.

Contaminants in surface water may be from animals, manure, runoff into the source, or sewage system leaks.

Inspect agricultural water systems to ensure they are maintained and working to prevent contamination of the water.

Monitor for leaks or sprays in the water delivery system. If water is not intended to contact the harvestable portion of the produce and is contacting it, repair or replace the water delivery system.

Be sure workers mixing or spraying pesticides or herbicides are trained and are using the appropriate water. Water contacting covered produce must meet the water quality standards of the Produce Safety Rule.

If using well water, inspect the well head and delivery system for maintenance and possible contamination.

Watch for produce that may have been in contact with pooled water. Pooled water even from irrigation could harbor pathogens.

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