

Connecticut Department of Agriculture

Produce Safety Program



Qualified Exemption / Not a Covered Farm Exemption Declaration

State and federal law contain provisions that allow for some produce growers, based on sales, certain exemptions from routine produce safety inspection activities. To be exempted or qualified exempt because your Produce Farm sales fall below minimum produce sales value or it meets the Qualified Exemption sales values specified in 21 CFR Part 112.5, you may submit this signed attestation to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. **Note:** any Produce Farm may be subject to an inspection or investigation whenever there is an allegation of adulteration or misbranding, involving produce.

By checking this box and completing the information below:

- I am declaring over a three-year period, the rolling average sales of produce from my farm are less than \$25,000 (adjusted for inflation*)
- I am declaring the Qualified Exemption. My produce sales exceed \$25,000, my total food sales are less than \$500,000 (adjusted for inflation*) and over 50% of my sales are made directly to qualified end users such as: the consumer of the food, restaurants or retail food establishments, located in Connecticut or not more than 275 miles from my farm.
- I am declaring that all produce sold by me receives a commercial processing that adequately reduces the presence of microorganisms of public health significance.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture encourages all produce farms meeting the above requirements to submit this declaration annually.

By affixing my signature to this document, I certify that the submitted information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that a false statement in the submitted information may be punishable as a criminal offense under section 53a-157b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Farm/Business Name

Farm/Business Address (street, city/town)

Printed Name

Signature

[* Current Inflation Adjusted Values](#)