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**BASIC PRODUCE SAFETY RULE EXEMPTION RENEWAL**

Produce Safety Rule Exemption **must be renewed every 3 years** to maintain Exemption Status and avoid being subject to inspection.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Farm: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Is the above farm still in business?**                      Yes                      No                      If no, skip to end, date and sign.

**Requirements for Basic Exemption:**

Only one of the following requirements must be met. **Check the box that applies.**

- A. Only grow produce that is rarely consumed raw, specifically the produce on the following exhaustive list: asparagus, black beans, great Northern beans, kidney beans, lima beans, navy beans, pinto beans, beets, garden (roots and tops) beets, sugar beets, cashews, sour cherries, chickpeas, cocoa beans, coffee beans, collards, sweet corn, cranberries, dates, dill (seeds and weed), eggplants, figs, ginger, hazelnuts, horseradish, lentils, okra, peanuts, pecans, peppermint, potatoes, pumpkins, mature southern field peas (such as black-eyed peas, cowpeas, crowder peas, purple hull peas, sea island peas, silver peas, and speckled peas), winter squash, sweet potatoes, and water chestnuts.
- B. Produce grown is used only for personal consumption or produced for consumption on the farm or another farm under the same management.
- C. Produce grown receives commercial processing that adequately reduces the presence of microorganisms of public health significance.

D. During the previous 3-year period your average of all produce sales was less than \$25,000 (on a rolling basis) adjusted for inflation using 2011 as the baseline year for calculating the adjustment.

**Total food sales** (in addition to produce, these sales include all other food for humans, feed for animals, and sales of live food animals) Example of previous 3 years: If application is completed in 2024 use years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Year 1 (Sales Year: _____ )	\$ _____
Year 2 (Sales Year: _____ )	\$ _____
Year 3 (Sales Year: _____ )	\$ _____
<b><u>Average</u></b> total food sales	\$ _____

Sales receipts must also be retained to support this record. FDA updates the inflation adjusted value (B) yearly: <https://www.fda.gov/food/guidanceregulation/fsma/ucm554484.htm>

By signing this form, I attest that the information contained her in is accurate for my intended operations and I meet the qualifications laid out by this instrument. I understand that a Produce Safety Division representative may verify the information provided on this application by visiting my farm and requesting documentation to support application.

I will notify the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce if my farm is no longer eligible for a basic exemption, so that any requirements can be reassessed to ensure continued compliance with the FSMA Produce Safety Rule.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed application to:  
The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce  
Produce Safety Division  
P. O. Box 1609  
Jackson, MS 39215-1609

**FSMA Reference 112.7(b) Confidential Record**

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Based on this information, this farm meets the criteria for a basic exemption.

**Reviewed by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_