



# Arizona Department of Agriculture

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## FOOD DEFENSE - FOOD SAFETY - AGROTERRORISM

As a major producer of food commodities of all types, the Arizona Department of Agriculture, and its partners at County, State and Federal levels wish to raise awareness of issues relating to Food Defense for all levels of agriculture and food processing.

It is suggested that farms, feedlots, dairy farms, food processors and dealers and wholesalers of all types of food commodities have at least a minimal plan to help ensure security at their various locations. The key is awareness of your particular situation and that your employees know what your plan is and how to implement and maintain it.

Who has access to your facility? Do you control who comes and goes at all times, or can people walk in off the street freely without being identified and challenged. Is there a visitor log and do you issue visitor badges or escort visitors at all times? Do you have a need for biosecurity and if so, who is ensuring that foot baths, hairnets and smocks are worn by outsiders?

What do your customers expect of you, with respect to food safety and food defense? Are you subject to audits or periodic inspections by either your customers or a third party auditor?

There are links on this website to several sources of information that may assist you in starting or evaluating your program. The Arizona Department of Agriculture is available to assist you in these assessments and may be able to offer some types of training in food defense or food safety. Or, help you to better understand issues related to Agro terrorism and how to protect against it.

Questions? Contact Dart Easterday at [deasterday@azda.gov](mailto:deasterday@azda.gov) or by phone at (602) 542-0884. We can assist you in getting started with your own plan, or to help tune up the old one. Areas that we might be able to assist you are in fresh fruits and vegetables; egg safety; meat and poultry products and dairy products, among others.

KEEPING ARIZONA FOOD SAFE  
FOR CONSUMERS OF ARIZONA FOOD PRODUCTS

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