

Good Agricultural Practices Workshop Focuses On Produce Safety

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Food safety is a concern for everyone. Community gardens, farmers and others who grow fruits or vegetables for donation or market can learn more about Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) at a University of Illinois Extension GAPs workshop on Monday, March 12, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Kickapoo Center in Oregon located at 1919 N. Limekiln Road, just south of the Ogle County Fairgrounds.

GAPs features methods to decrease produce contamination from seed to market including good handling and production practices such as

personal hygiene, water quality and soil amendments. Traceability and consumer perceptions are also discussed. The workshop focuses on how to write a GAPs plan for your garden or farm. A discussion on GAPs audits will highlight what to expect during an audit.

Cost per participant is \$30 and \$25 for an additional farm/family member, (sharing the curriculum). Pre-registration is required by March 7, 2012. Lunch and light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 815-732-2191, or you may register online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo/>. Δ



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