



Smith Frozen Foods, Inc. Sustainable Agriculture



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*Dear Sustainable Ag Grower,
We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation in implementing the first year's goals. Currently, internal audits are being performed and as always if you have questions you may contact a Sustainable Ag committee member. Hope that this holiday season is safe and full of great memories.*

Website

A link has been added to the Smith Frozen Foods, Inc webpage to provide a place where everyone can gather information about our program. Currently, this website has downloadable copies of the newsletters and plan templates.

To view the website:
www.smithfrozenfoods.com

Recycling Plans

Remember to keep a record of how much your farm recycles. Records can be as simple as putting all recycling receipts in a yearly file.

As the farmers handbook states, at a minimum farms should recycle all pesticide containers. We encourage your farm to also recycle paper, batteries, used oil, glass and metal.

Emergency Contact Card

As a gift to you from us an emergency contact card has been attached to this letter. This card is small enough to be carried in a wallet or purse and provides an immediate and easy reference.

Employee Opportunities

Since this is the season for farm shows, clinics and other conferences remember these events can be seen as employee opportunities. There is a broad span of employee opportunities or training available. Training can be as simple as a roundtable discussion at your farm on how to weld or send an employee to applicators training.

Another onsite training idea is to utilizing OSHA's audio video library (AV Library). This library allows employers to borrow training videos at little to no cost. Videos range from topics such as chemicals, hazard communication, back injuries, personal protective equipment and much more.

To receive a list of videos contact your local OSHA office or visit Oregon OSHA online list at:

<http://www.orosha.org/standards/avlibad.html>

Or Washington State Department of Labor and Industries:

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/default.asp>

You may also get ideas and resources for training by contacting your local university county extension office.

Just remember to document training by listing events attended by your employees or for onsite training possibly have a sign in sheet.

Calendar

December

Random Internal Audits

January

4-6th

Third Party Audits

February

Resurvey Growers

