

## **MDAR Regional Produce Safety Experts**

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The Department of Agricultural Resources' Produce Safety, Market Access and Certification Program has deployed five regional Produce Safety experts this year who will be serving fruit and vegetable farms across the Commonwealth. Regional personnel will be supporting growers through education, training, and on-farm technical assistance and will serve as first line responders to farm's requesting service in each region. Regional staff will also be responsible for the conduct of pre-audits/inspections, on-farm readiness reviews, as well as market access and certification support for MGAPS, under the Commonwealth Quality Program (CQP). The MGAPS/CQP program will incorporate current PSR requirements into an integrated checklist this year supporting future uptake/compliance windows as well as anticipated market demands. The Program will also continue to support the USDA GAPs/Harmonized GAPs program for the 2018 production year.

## **Produce Safety Program Team**

Meet the Produce Safety expert responsible for your region. Please feel free to contact her/him for any questions, concerns you might have or to schedule a visit or service request.

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