

IV - H. Retail Food - Produce

Introduction

In 2020, produce departments were assessed for food safety risk factors. For the 46 possible individual data items on the survey instrument, 950 observations were made at 53 produce establishments. See Appendix H for complete data related to produce.

Certified Food Protection Managers (CFPM) (38%): For this survey, a CFPM had to be present. A CFPM is defined as an employee who has supervisory responsibility and the authority to direct and control food preparation. The CFPM must have passed an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited program and present a certificate during the assessment. A CFPM was present at 20 of the surveyed facilities (38% IN compliance), notably lower than in 2015.

Employee Health Policy (75%): There was significant improvement in compliance with Employee Health Policy over the 10-year period, from 14% in 2010 to 75% in 2020.

Results and Discussion

The following chart represents IN compliance risk factors by category as a percentage of total observations. It also shows other individual items and intervention compliance.

Foodborne Illness Risk Factor Risk Factor IN Compliance:	Produce								
	2010			2015			2020		
	% IN	# IN observations	Total observations	% IN	# IN observations	Total observations	% IN	# IN observations	Total observations
Approved Source	100%	87	87	100%	76	76	100%	106	106
Inadequate Cooking	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	0
Improper Holding	62%	76	123	80%	111	139	81%	127	157
Contamination	92%	116	126	88%	100	114	93%	150	162
Personal Hygiene	84%	130	154	93%	166	178	97%	248	256
Risk Factor Totals	83%	409	490	89%	453	507	93%	631	681
Other interventions	% IN	# IN observations	Total Observations	% IN	# IN observations	Total Observations	% IN	# IN observations	Total Observations
CFPM Presence	29%	12	42	79%	30	38	38%	20	53
Employee Health Policy	14%	6	42	3%	1	38	75%	40	53
Chemicals Stored Properly (Retail) (16c)	71%	30	42	68%	25	37	91%	48	53
Food Allergy Awareness	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	23%	12	53

The overall compliance with CDC risk factors has made steady improvement over the 10-year period. Holding continues to be the individual item of priority concern. We observed a significantly lower presence of a CFPM during our 2020 visits, which may be associated with staff resources during the pandemic. See Appendix H for complete data related to produce.