



TRANSITION PERIOD PRACTICES FOR LEAFY GREEN OPERATIONS

We are currently in a transition period, where vigilance is key. If you detect any potential issues – TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION.

Research suggests outbreaks are most likely due to a combination of conditions and events that create the “perfect storm.” In order to decrease the likelihood of a “perfect storm” materializing, here are some practices to consider:



- **Environmental assessments**

- Reevaluate possible contamination sources near fields
- Revisit weather-related crop impacts that may lead to higher susceptibility of plants to harbor pathogens



- **Irrigation water**

- Reevaluate sources for potential contamination (upstream activities, run-off, high wind)
- If water quality is out of the norm, investigate and increase testing



- **Crop treatments**

- Make sure the water utilized for foliar applications meets your water quality criteria for the intended use



- **Worker practices**

- Re-train current workers regarding hygiene and sanitation practices and raise awareness of needed vigilance



- **Equipment**

- Increase the monitoring of equipment cleaning and sanitation, adding verification activities and/or additional measures surrounding the use and movement of equipment
- Implement more frequent training of personnel involved in equipment cleaning and sanitizing

Encourage others to report food safety related observations and STAY VIGILANT.