

For the past 50+ years we have had the pleasure of being God's steward tending 2 acres of Bartlett Pear trees. We have decided it is time to hang up the picking bag. Why now you may ask? Here are a few examples of the current paperwork requirements to market fresh organic produce in Clark County

- Annual USDA/WSDA organic food producer certification
- USDA Good Agricultural Practice Audit Verification

Checklist

- Responsibility Grown Documentation
- Product Traceability Initiative
- FDA Form 1-B Food Employee Reporting Agreement
- Food Recall Plan with mock recall
- FDA Best Agriculture Practice Documentation
- FDA Food Facility Registration
- Food Safety Plan Audit Log
- Personal Hygiene Facility Cleaning Log
- Water Testing Log
- Trace-back Log
- Employee Illness/injury Report Form
- Equipment cleaning, maintenance and calibration log
- Cold storage temperature log
- FDA Farm Food Safety Plan Policy & Procedure Manual
- Federal Public Health Security and Bioterrorism

Preparedness Response Act documentation

- FDA Reportable Food Registry Requirements Act compliance
- Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act

All that paperwork has sort of taken the fun out of growing great pears.

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