

Good Agricultural & Handling Practices Workshop
Cooperative Extension Service State Office
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 9, 2009

- 8:30 - 9:00** **Registration (Refreshments provided)**
Moderating: Ron Rainey, Associate Professor
University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture
- 9:00 - 9:15** **“Welcome”**
Tim Ellison, Marketing Director – Arkansas State Plant Board
Arkansas Agriculture Department
- 9:15 – 10:00** **“USDA Federal-State GAP and GHP Audit Verification Program”**
David Markwardt, Federal Program Manager
Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of
Agriculture – Kansas City
Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service
- 10:00 – 10:30** **“Global GAP and Wal-Mart Certification Program”**
Jaime Lastra, Director of Global Supplier Auditing
Corporate Quality, Food Safety and Security Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
- 10:30 – 10:45** **Break (Refreshments)**
- 10:45 – 11:15** **“Food Safety Guidelines”**
Steve Seideman
Food Processing Specialist
University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture
- 11:15 – 11:45** **“Arkansas Food Safety Audit Program”**
Tim Ellison, Marketing Director – Arkansas State Plant Board
Arkansas Agriculture Department
- 11:45 – 1:00** **Lunch (Sponsored by Arkansas Agriculture Department)**
- 1:00 - 1:30** **“A Grower’s Perspective”**
Kim Matthews
Ridgeview Farms
- 1:30 – 2:30** **“The Future of Food Safety”**
Ross Mckenney, Director of Quality Assurance
Del Monte Fresh Produce N.A., Inc.
- 2:30 – 2:40** **Conference wrap-up**



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