



Food Safety Signs

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Summary

Global Growers worked with a graphic designer to create a set of food safety signs geared toward beginning English and / or beginning literacy farmers. The signs are designed to indicate food safety protocols that are common to most vegetable production farms with a FSMA-compliant food safety program. FSMA requires certain signs around the farm, and these signs are designed to meet FSMA requirements, as well as be geared towards English language learning farmers. The signs can be printed and posted at a farm site, and they can also be used as visual teaching aids in a food safety workshop. There are two sets of signs included: one set has graphics and text, and a duplicate set has only graphics in case the text is confusing to pre-literate or non-English speaking participants.

Who made this guide?

This teaching resource was developed by Global Growers in Atlanta GA, and enhanced in collaboration with the Institute for Social and Economic Development (ISED). From 2015-2017, ISED partnered with refugee farmer training programs throughout the country to support the design of new and shareable teaching resources for culturally and linguistically diverse farmers. To access the whole list of newly developed teaching resources for refugee and immigrant farmer training programs, follow this link to the [‘New American Resource Library’](#). For more in-depth explanations of the teaching approaches and activities used in these materials, you can refer to this [Teaching Handbook: Refugee Farmer Training](#).

Audience (TA or Tot)	TA (Technical Assistance for farmers)
Language and Literacy Level	Level 1
Farmer Experience	n/a
Pre-Requisites	Introduction to food safety
Region or Climate	Any
Program Structure	Farm-based training (signs are posted at farm site)
Season	Any
Time	n/a
Staff and Interpreters	n/a
Additional Supplies Needed	Printing and laminating
Background Material	See food safety curriculum

TEACHING MATERIALS INCLUDED

1. Food safety signs to be posted around the farm



CORE SKILLS IN THIS LESSON

- Practical food safety

SUGGESTED TEACHING METHODS

Role play

- Each sign could be connected to a specific mini-skits or an action. When first introducing the signs, staff and farmers can demonstrate each sign with actions and realia (see below). Staff can also role-play “correcting” each-other (with humor) and pointing to signage to reinforce the rules.

Structured dialogue

- There are versions with text or without, but if you would like farmers to be able to say the meaning of each sign you can review these verbally. Each sign could be shown and staff can ask: “What does this mean?” Or staff can say the meaning of each sign, e.g. “no personal things in the field,” and farmers can select and point to that sign if all signs are laid out before them.

Realia

- Because the signage is representational, you can make sure that all farmers understand the real-world application of these by connecting them to concrete objects. In teaching the signage, you can make sure to have different objects handy to connect abstract pictures to concrete objects or infrastructure. It would even be beneficial to post signage alongside the farmers, so that they understand the connection between the sign and the associated object, infrastructure or action.

TEACHING TIPS AND VARIATIONS

- Use in conjunction with the food safety module (See *Food Safety Module* developed by Global Growers)
- Make sure to teach these signs as opposed to assuming they are self-explanatory.
- Re-teach for new farmers using the space.
- Make sure other signage or materials use consistent imagery and language.