



Farm Food Safety & Post-Harvest Handling

Practical Applications for Small-Scale Operations
with

Chris Blanchard

Thursday, August 21

12:00 to 4:30 pm

Silverwood Park, Silver Lane, Edgerton, WI

Chris Blanchard is well known for his dynamic and down-to-earth workshops. As an experienced farmer and farmer educator, he is uniquely qualified to translate the technicalities of food safety and post-harvest handling to practical on-farm applications. In this hybrid workshop/field day he will cover simple steps to safer produce, how to reach and maintain peak freshness for your harvest, and pack shed design improvements for the small-scale farm. This field day is free, includes lunch, handouts, and time to ask Chris questions about your specific situation. Silverwood Park in southeastern Dane County is the site of a developing “sustainable agriculture classroom” and is hosting this workshop. Please RSVP to claire@csacoalition.org by Monday 8/18 and specify any dietary restrictions.



Farmer Feedback

“After years of putting it off, I decided to do something about food safety on our farm because of your presentation. I felt like we understood the practical steps we needed to take, and started with the installation of a hand-washing sink.”

– Steve Pincus, Tipi Produce, WI

“This was one of the best, most useful, and practical instruction courses of its type I can remember, particularly because of the excellence and energy of the presenter.”

– Anonymous review, Post-Harvest Handling and Food Safety at the Kansas Rural Center

“[I] was privileged to sit in on your workshop at SSAWG on 10 steps to safer food. IT WAS AWESOME!”

– Ama Shambula, Urban Ministry, AL

Workshop Schedule

12:00 – Lunch by Crema Cafe, bring your questions

12:30 – Food Safety: Simple Steps to Safer Produce

1:30 – Post Harvest Handling: How to Reach and Maintain Peak Freshness for Your Harvest

2:30 – Break and questions for Chris

3:00 – Pack Shed Design: Practical Improvements for the Small-Scale Farm

4:00 – Final questions for Chris

4:30 – Close

Interpretation in both Spanish and Hmong will be provided.

This workshop is part of Gaining Ground in Wisconsin, a project of the Farley Center for Peace, Justice, and Sustainability. It was supported by the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA, Grant # 2010-03096.



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Plan to stay for this field day at Silverwood following the workshop!

We will provide snacks to tide you over to dinner.

Silverwood Park – Cover Crops for Weed Suppression and Mulch Production

Thursday, August 21 | Silver Lane, Edgerton, WI | 5:00 – 6:30 pm note new time!

Claire Strader and Heidi Johnson will show their research trial evaluating cover crops for weed suppression and mulch production. This SARE-funded project looks at two treatments of sorghum sudan grass (mowed once and mowed multiple times), as well as berseem clover with oats, and red clover with oats. The 4-acre trial is located at Silverwood Park in southeastern Dane County, where the Friends of Silverwood are developing an outdoor “sustainable agriculture classroom.” This field day is free. Please RSVP to claire@csacoalition.org