

## Harvest Equipment Cleaning

Food Safety begins on the farm and proper sanitation procedures can help to minimize the risk of food borne illness. During the off season many undesirables can find their way into harvest equipment; including bugs, vermin and feces. This type of equipment is not fit for food storage.

Cleaning the equipment is very simple. Use a 1% solution of bleach in a new clean, wand type hand sprayer. A 1% solution equals 2 tablespoons bleach for every gallon of water. Use clean water and mix up a new solution every day. Remove any dirt or debris from the equipment. Then spray the equipment and allow it to air dry.

Picking bags can be briefly soaked in the solution and allowed to air dry.

All harvest equipment must be cleaned, including clippers and picking bags/buckets.

A record of cleaning will be kept and made available for inspection.