# A FEW MYTHS & FACTS ~WASHING PRODUCE~

## MYTH: Washing produce is Required

The FSMA Produce Safety Rule **DOES NOT** require produce to be washed.

#### TRUTH:Bacteria can be introduced by washing

Bacteria can be introduced by water during the washing process.

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### MYTH: Sanitizer kills all bacteria

Sanitizer reduces the amount of

### bacteria present.



#### A 1 Log reduction may kill 90% of bacteria present But if trillions



But if trillions of **o o** bacteria are present.... How many may still remain?

Using Irrigation water to wash produce is okay Probably Not: Water used to wash produce must be free of generic E. Coli.