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**Purpose:** Describes how to assess risks that wildlife and domestic animal activity and fecal contamination may pose to contamination of the fresh produce crop prior to harvest.

**Scope:** Applies to farm workers including farm owners and managers.

**Responsibility:** Farm owners/managers must conduct a risk assessment prior to harvest to identify potential food safety hazards associated with wildlife and domestic animal activity in effort to prevent the contamination of fresh produce.

**Materials**

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| Item | Where items are kept |
| *F-6.2 Pre-Harvest Field Assessment Log* |  |

Procedure

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| *To be completed prior to harvesting fresh fruits and vegetables to assess potential animal activity or fecal contamination in or around production areas that may pose a risk of contamination to the crop*. | |
|  | Action |
| 1 | Conduct an assessment of risk prior to each harvest to determine if there is wildlife and domestic animal activity or contamination of product in the field. Refer to the *Pre-Harvest Field Assessment Log*. |
| 2 | Assessments should include, but are not limited to:   * Determining if animals have been in the field (i.e., evidence of downed fences, damaged product, animal tracks, feces) and if fecal contamination is present. * Determining if fresh produce has been contaminated and if any corrective actions, such as buffer zones, need to be put into place. * Determining if harvest should proceed or if harvest practices should be modified. |
| 3 | Document your observations and actions prior to harvest in the *Pre-Harvest Field Assessment Log*. |
| 4 | If you determine there is a significant risk to the crop due to animal activity, refer to *SOP F-6.3 Managing Animal Intrusion and Contamination* |