



The following resources are provided as an incomplete list of traceability related efforts, some of which are specific to the fresh produce industry.

**Links are active effective 7/6/2018.*

Supply chain wide adoption of electronic traceability. The Produce Traceability Initiative, sponsored by Canadian Produce Marketing Association, GS1 US, Produce Marketing Association and United Fresh Produce Association, is designed to help the industry maximize the effectiveness of current traceback procedures, while developing a standardized industry approach [leveraging the GS1 system of standards] to enhance the speed and efficiency of traceability systems for the future.

The PTI has a **bold vision** which outlines a **course of action** to achieve supply chain-wide adoption of electronic traceability of every case of produce.

- Main webpage: www.producetraceability.org
- ****FAQ about PTI and produce traceability (6/11):**
<https://www.producetraceability.org/documents/faqs%202011%20062011%20final.pdf>

FDA traceability resources:

- General (archived) page: <http://wayback.archive-it.org/7993/20171114142634/https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm270851.htm>
- Existing recordkeeping requirements (2004)(the actual requirements are about 9/10ths the way down; the rest is legalese and explanation):
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2004/12/09/04-26929/establishment-and-maintenance-of-records-under-the-public-health-security-and-bioterrorism>
- FSMA Section 204 (2011)(Congressional instruction to FDA regarding traceability)
<https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm247548.htm#SEC204>
- FSMA-related Pilots (8/12)(334 pp; conducted by IFT): <http://wayback.archive-it.org/7993/20171114122353/https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/GuidanceRegulation/UCM341810.pdf>
- ****FDA report to Congress regarding traceability pilots and FDA recommendations (11/16)(takes a while to load but just 28 pp):**
<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/UCM540940.pdf>

GS1 US Fresh Foods resources:

- <https://www.gs1us.org/industries/retail-grocery/standards-in-use/fresh-foods>
- <https://www.gs1us.org/industries/foodservice/initiative>
- GS1 (global) Global Traceability for Fresh Fruit and Vegetable (5/10)(PMA and CPMA were contributors):
https://www.gs1.org/docs/traceability/Global_Traceability_Implementation_Fresh_Fruit_Veg.pdf

****General article on FSMA and traceability (specific to produce, and referencing PTI) (5/14):**
<https://www.pma.com/content/articles/2014/05/traceability-and-fsma>

Global Food Traceability Center (IFT): <http://www.ift.org/gftc.aspx>

- ****Best practices for produce traceability (the KDEs and CTEs that apply to produce):**
<http://www.ift.org/gftc/~media/GFTC/produce.pdf>
- Bottom of the resource library has additional information on the FSMA-related pilots:
<http://www.ift.org/gftc/resources.aspx>
- Work done for FDA on tomato tracing:
http://www.ift.org/gftc/~media/Knowledge%20Center/Focus%20Areas/Traceability/IFT_FDA_TO7FinalReport.pdf
- Foundational work done for FDA putting forth the concepts of Critical Tracking Events and Key Data Elements:
http://www.ift.org/gftc/~media/GFTC/Resource/Traceability_ProductTracing_in_Food_Systems_An_IFT_Report_Submitted_to_the_FDA_Volume_1_Technical_Aspects_and_Recommendations.pdf

General article describing FDA's FSMA traceability authority (2014):

https://foodsafetytech.com/feature_article/traceability-requirements-and-best-practices/

Consumer letter to FDA on traceability (5/18):

<https://cspinet.org/sites/default/files/attachment/Consumers%20letter%20to%20Comm.%20Gottlieb%20re%20traceability-5-24-18.pdf>