



# The Equitable Food Initiative (EFI) Certification Program

UL is an official certification body for the Equitable Food Initiative, offering auditing and certification services to growers seeking added assurance in their labor, food safety, and pest management practices.



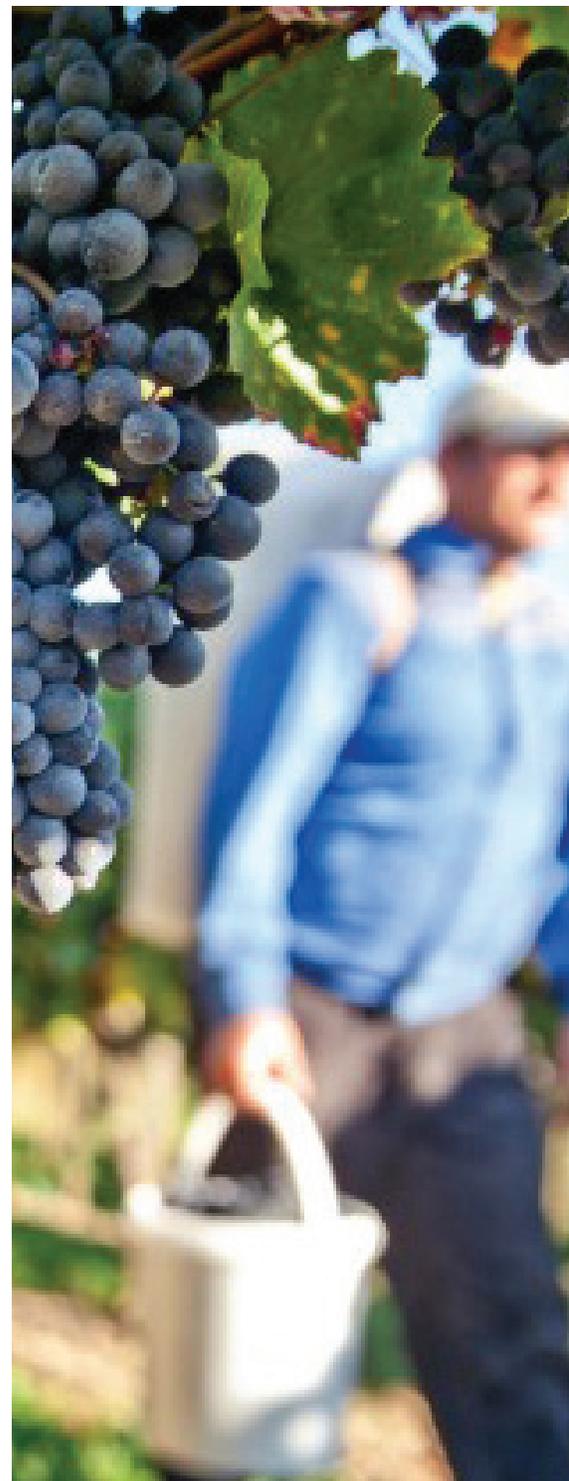
The Equitable Food Initiative is a unique partnership among industry, farmworker and consumer organizations. EFI has collaboratively developed training processes, standards, and a certification program aimed to improve the lives of farmworkers while producing safer, more responsibly grown food.

EFI has engaged UL's industry expertise to validate responsible business practices on the farm through conformance to the Equitable Food Initiative Standards for:

- **Labor:** indicators help to ensure that a safe, dignified and professional workplace, promoting management and farmworker collaboration, is provided.
- **Food Safety:** indicators emphasize worker engagement in creating a culture on the farm that reduces the risk of contamination, together with best practices for water use, soil amendments, animal presence, land use, harvest and post-harvest activities.
- **Pest Management:** indicators promote an Integrated Pest Management approach, minimizing the impact of pesticide use on workers and the environment by emphasizing biological and cultural tools for pest management over the use of highly hazardous pesticides.

EFI is the only certification and labeling program for large-scale, fresh produce operations that integrates labor practices, food safety, and pest management standards. Benefits of the EFI Certification Program include:

- Training and systems that motivate and actively engage workers in continuous improvement
- Stronger relationships between growers, their workers, and their customers
- Multiple layers of assurance that minimize risks in the supply chain and meet customer demand for safer food and social accountability



For more information about The EFI Certification Program, email [ULRInfo@ul.com](mailto:ULRInfo@ul.com).



UL's expertise in auditing for food safety and social responsibility helps clients achieve business objectives while striving for continuous improvement to meet customer demand for safer, more responsibly grown produce.

Upon successful completion of the EFI Certification Program, the grower is issued a UL Certification Mark and a license agreement to use the EFI "Responsibly Grown. Farmworker Assured.™" Trustmark. The UL Certification Mark will be placed on the UL Certificate of Conformance, while the EFI Trustmark may be used on product packaging to raise awareness of the farm's commitment to promoting the mission and values of the Equitable Food Initiative.

#### About UL Registrar LLC

UL Registrar LLC is a division of UL. UL Registrar's mission is to be the global leader in advancing sustainable audit and certification services within supply chains, worldwide. UL Registrar provides independent, third-party manufacturing/process assessments against a defined standard that aims to minimize supply chain risk, help protect brand value, and promote consumer and product safety. For more information on UL Registrar's services, please email [ULRInfo@ul.com](mailto:ULRInfo@ul.com).

#### About UL's Responsible Sourcing Group

UL's Responsible Sourcing group is a leading global provider of responsible sourcing auditing and advisory services, which include supply chain monitoring, research, and program development, and training. UL's Responsible Sourcing team has the global footprint to provide services in several countries. For more information about UL's Responsible Sourcing Group, please email [RSinfo@ul.com](mailto:RSinfo@ul.com).

#### About the Equitable Food Initiative

The Equitable Food Initiative focuses on three stewardship areas: labor, food safety and pest management. The EFI Standards and processes have been developed with the participation of retailers and food service providers, growers, farmworker organizations, and consumer interest organizations. For more information, please visit the [EFI Website](#).



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