



## FOOD SAFETY BY THE NUMBERS

Food safety has been a top priority for Western Growers, its members, consumers and the entire food industry for decades. Our industry has made significant progress in improving food safety, and these efforts will continue to evolve as new challenges in our industry arise. Our goal is to ensure a safe and secure food supply and healthy crops for as long as people need to eat.

### Did you know... ?



The leafy greens industry ships about **130 million servings** per day all year long, enough to supply daily salads to nearly 40 percent of Americans. This equates to **47.5 billion servings** of leafy greens per year.



Under the California Leafy Green Marketing Agreement (LGMA) food safety program, government auditors verify that farmers are following over **500 different safety checkpoints**.



Farms must comply with **92 different food safety checkpoints** that deal exclusively with ensuring the safety of water used to grow leafy greens.



Foodborne illnesses may be caused by improper handling at home or in a restaurant. Farm-to-table **food safety requires everyone's participation**. [Here are some videos](#) to help consumers.



The Center for Produce Safety has awarded **\$44.5 million** and funded **226 projects** related to food safety research.

GreenLink®, developed by the Western Growers Science team in collaboration with Western Growers member companies, is the first fresh produce online platform for food safety risk management.



**Your Voice Matters** If you have any questions, comments or concerns about your organization's food safety, please reach out to Sonia Salas, Assistant Vice President, Science at [ssalas@wga.com](mailto:ssalas@wga.com).