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ASABE PUBLISHES STANDARD FOR SPECIALTY CROP EQUIPMENT HYGIENIC DESIGN

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN — The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has published a new industry standard addressing hygienic design requirements for specialty crop equipment.

ANSI/ASABE S664 DEC2025 Direct to Consumption Specialty Crop Equipment Hygienic Design Requirements, establishes consensus sanitary design practices for equipment used in direct-to-consumer specialty crop production. This milestone provides manufacturers and producers with clear guidance to ensure food safety and consumer confidence.

Development of the standard was initiated after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approached the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) to better understand sanitary design practices in specialty crop production. AEM collaborated with FDA to share insights on current industry practices and concerns. In response, equipment manufacturers took a proactive approach, partnering with ASABE to create formalized standards that address sanitation and safety requirements for specialty crop equipment.

ASABE is recognized worldwide as a standards-developing organization for food, agricultural, and biological systems, with more than 280 standards currently in publication. Conformance to ASABE standards is voluntary, except where required by state, provincial, or other governmental requirements, and the documents are developed by consensus in accordance with procedures approved by the American National Standards Institute. For information on this or any other ASABE standard, contact Scott Cedarquist at 269-932-7031, cedarq@asabe.org. A current listing of all ASABE standards projects can be found on the ASABE web site at www.asabe.org/projects.

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