FARM FOOD SAFETY

## **Cleaning Produce Washing Equipment: Tank with Aerator**



Adequately clean after a day's use to minimize the microbial risk from contamination following SOP directions.

## **Materials and Tools**

- Detergent
- Brushes, sponges, scrubbers, cloth if needed (single-use towel)
- Potable water
- · Sanitizer specific for food contact surfaces mixed with water into 2gal pump sprayer

## **Procedure**

- 1. Unplug aerator
- 2. Remove aerator and PVC pipes from tank
- 3. Rinse tank off with water
- 4. Add a gallon of water to pail mixing in detergent
- 5. Scrub off stuck-on debris with brush or scrubber refreshing with soapy water in pail
- 6. Use sponge for cleaning tank inside and out
- 7. Rinse again with water dumping into floor drain
- 8. If detergent is too sudsy, continue to rinse with water until all suds are gone
- 9. Spray with sanitizer
- 10. Flip upside down on clean pallet to dry
- 11. Wipe down aerator motor with sponge
- 12. Rinse off PVC pipes inside and out
- 13. Check for soil or debris inside of pipes and sponge down with soapy water, use bendable brush if needed
- 14. Spray with sanitizer
- 15. Flip pipes upside down for water to drain out air holes
- 16. Sweep floor and remove debris
- 17. Hose down floor removing remaining soil and debris
- 18. Squeegee water into floor drain