THE GLOBALG.A.P. FRUIT & VEGETABLES CERTIFICATION STANDARD

As the world’s preeminent harmonized agricultural standard, GLOBALG.A.P. is now recognized in over 120 countries. The GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) Fruit & Vegetables Standard covers all stages of production, from preharvest activities such as soil management and plant protection product application to post-harvest produce handling, packing and storing.

We actively work on harmonizing Good Agricultural Practices worldwide, by connecting farmers and brand owners around the globe, encouraging sustainability, and providing advice and assistance to help farmers achieve certification. Our efforts ensure the production and marketing of safe food, lay the foundation for the protection of scarce resources, and provide reassurance for consumers.

The GLOBALG.A.P. Fruit & Vegetables Standard Version 5.1 includes added food safety criteria covering the handling of plant protection products (PPPs), food fraud, and microbiological risks. In addition to criteria strengthening traceability and workers’ occupational health & safety, Version 5.1 includes environment criteria covering responsible water use, energy efficiency and pollution control.
GLOBALG.A.P. Fruit & Vegetables Certification

THE GLOBALG.A.P. NUMBER (GGN)

Every certified GLOBALG.A.P. producer is registered in our database and identified by a unique 13-digit GLOBALG.A.P. Number (GGN). The GGN appears on every printed certificate. It’s also the online search key that opens up all relevant traceability information – certification body, scheme, product status and certificate validity.

The GLOBALG.A.P. Group Certification tool allows groups of farmers, including small-scale farmers, to apply for certification. All GGNs can be verified online through the public search tool in the GLOBALG.A.P. Database.

www.globalgap.org/database

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15 REASONS WHY GLOBALG.A.P. FRUIT & VEGETABLES IS THE RIGHT CERTIFICATION STANDARD FOR YOU

1. Reduce your exposure to food safety and product safety reputational risks.

2. Gain access to local and global markets, suppliers and retailers.

3. Improve the efficiency of your farm management.

4. Save costs by reducing the number of on-farm audits.

5. Comply with legislation on food safety, environmental protection and workers’ health and safety, with an easy system, based on HACCP to put into place.

6. It's tried, tested and trusted by more than 182,000 farms in over 120 countries.

7. Benefit from global recognition with adaptation to local conditions through GLOBALG.A.P.’s network of National Technical Working Groups.

8. Choose from 135 accredited certification bodies, which all meet the highest integrity requirements.

9. Access all the Fruit and Vegetables Standard documents online, free of charge, and in multiple languages.

10. Secure access to financing and to capital markets. Benefit from connecting to innovative supply chain solutions.

11. Help shape the continuing development of our standards through public consultation.


13. Benchmark yourself as part of the world’s most widespread farm assurance standard.

14. It’s designed for you – retailers, manufacturers and producers with G.A.P. expertise worked together to create it.

The updated Fruit & Vegetables Standard Version 5.1 now incorporates the latest research as well as many government requirements.

- Revised language ensures clear and consistent interpretation.
- Improved document structure follows the different stages of product handling and facilitates the flow of the auditing.
- Consolidated criteria means fewer control points and less duplication.
- Added detailed guidelines help facilitate implementation.
- Strengthens the role of National Technical Working Groups to set up guidelines for local interpretation, translate the standard, and make it more accessible to farmers.
KEY CHANGES AND NEW CRITERIA IN FRUIT & VEGETABLES CERTIFICATION VERSION 5.1

Food Safety
Handling Plant Protection Products (PPP)
Added criteria and measures to prevent spray drift to and from neighboring plots.

Food Fraud
Includes a food fraud vulnerability assessment and a food fraud mitigation plan.

Microbiological Risks
Provides a practical toolkit for producers to help them identify and address hazards to microbiological contamination. This includes:
- Microbiological risk analysis
- Action plan to control microbiological risk

An analysis of microbiological water quality based on the risk assessment became mandatory from July 2016.

Environment
Energy Efficiency
Added criteria to help farmers monitor their energy use, reduce the use of non-renewable energy sources, and properly maintain non-food safety sensitive equipment.

Responsible Water Use
New criteria that promote efficient and effective on-farm water management, and ensure producers comply with applicable legal water use restrictions. The Standard also provides a Responsible Water Management Plan and a Risk Assessment Water Management Plan, which became mandatory in July 2017. Changes include measures to:
- Safely dispose of water used for washing and cleaning of equipment
- Collect and recycle water
- Maintain water storage facilities to take advantage of periods of maximum water availability.

Pollution Control
The Farm Waste Management Plan now also includes maintaining environmentally safe holding areas for fuel and oil tanks.

Workers’ Occupational Health & Safety
Reflecting GLOBALG.A.P.’s commitment to social practices the new Standard strengthens requirements covering the workers’ rights and improves the working conditions of on-farm permanent employees, seasonal workers, piece-rate workers and day laborers.

Criteria cover transport of workers on public roads, food storage and rest areas, on-site living quarters, communication, health checks, and control of subcontractors.

Traceability
Changes strengthen traceability in F&V V5 of the certified product, specifically through new requirements for seed identity and authenticity.
GLOBALG.A.P. CHAIN OF CUSTODY STANDARD VERSION 5.1

The GLOBALG.A.P. Chain of Custody (CoC) Certification Standard ensures the Segregation and Traceability, and thus integrity of your product’s GLOBALG.A.P. status throughout its entire lifecycle, from the farm to the market shelf.

Transparency throughout the supply chain guarantees the integrity of your product and reassures your customers. The GLOBALG.A.P. Chain of Custody Standard (CoC) is an essential certificate for all producers and retailers handling GLOBALG.A.P. certified products. It ensures that any product bearing a GLOBALG.A.P. label or sold as a GLOBALG.A.P. certified product is sourced from GLOBALG.A.P. certified farms.

The GLOBALG.A.P. CoC Standard identifies the status of your product throughout the entire process, from farm to retailer. It lays out strict requirements for handling certified products and the proper segregation of certified and non-certified produce in the processing operation units.

The GLOBALG.A.P. CoC Standard gives you the level of transparency and integrity that provides added value to your product and brand in the market and added reassurance to your customers.

Learn more at www.globalgap.org/coc
YOUR GGN SHOWS YOU COMPLY WITH THE STANDARD

As a producer, your unique 13-digit GLOBALG.A.P. Number (GGN) is your passport to the world's markets. It enables retailers to confirm your certified status and identify you as a trusted supplier. And where it appears on packaging, it helps shoppers check your certification and assure them of the quality, safety and sustainability of your product. In short, it's a great sales aid.

ADD A QR CODE FOR INSTANT APPEAL

Now you can add a personal QR code to your GGN, giving your customers instant, on-the-spot reassurance. All a shopper or retailer needs to do is scan the code with their smartphone and they can go straight to your GLOBALG.A.P. certification details and directly check your status.

Here's how to do it:
1. Add your GGN to the end of this link:
   http://database.globalgap.org/mobile
   Here's an example:
   http://database.globalgap.org/mobile/4049929231641

   2. Share this link with your business partners or use it to generate your personal QR code. You’ll find a choice of free, easily downloadable applications to carry out the process. Simply search online for free QR code generator.

   3. Share your QR code with your business partners and clients. Add your QR code to all your business communications, copy it in your email signature, print it on delivery notes and product labels. It's instant reassurance for your customers.
G.A.P. IN ACTION INSTRUCTIONAL POSTERS ON GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

G.A.P. IN ACTION
Because the right images speak more than a thousand words.

G.A.P. in Action Instructional Posters break down complex food safety standards into basic implementation instructions.

Register on www.gapinaction.org to receive the poster files. For printed posters contact a GLOBALG.A.P. Licensed Farm Assurer.
FIVE STEPS TO GLOBALG.A.P. CERTIFICATION

STEP 1
Download the relevant GLOBALG.A.P. Standard documents and checklists from our website.

STEP 2
Carry out a self-assessment using the checklist and correct all the points you don’t comply with. Here a GLOBALG.A.P. Farm Assurer can provide you with valuable assistance during your audit preparations.

STEP 3
Find a full list of GLOBALG.A.P. approved certification bodies on our website.

STEP 4
Arrange an appointment with your GLOBALG.A.P. approved certification body. An inspector will then conduct the first on-site inspection.

STEP 5
Once you successfully comply with the standard’s requirements, you will receive a GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance Standard V5.1 certificate for the relevant scope.

Access the GLOBALG.A.P. documents at www.globalgap.org/documents

GLOBALG.A.P. LICENSED FARM ASSURERS

Farm Assurers are independent, on-site advisors and consultants who help producers navigate the steps necessary to implement Good Agricultural Practices and to obtain GLOBALG.A.P. Certification. With first-hand knowledge of the GLOBALG.A.P. System and the latest industry developments, Farm Assurers use their expertise to make the standard easier to understand and simplify audit preparations.

Learn more at www.farmassurer.org
GLOBALG.A.P. Certification is the product of a transparent and independent standard development system that relies on the intensive consultation, contribution and collaboration of our technical committees, focus groups, members, national technical working groups, certification bodies and the industry.

localg.a.p. is the stepping stone toward GLOBALG.A.P. Certification. It offers emerging producers entry-level recognition where GLOBALG.A.P. Certification or the required end goal as set by the localg.a.p. program owner is not immediately possible. By providing an achievable level of assurance and reliability, localg.a.p. helps producers gain access to new local and regional markets.

GLOBALG.A.P. is the internationally recognized standard for farm production. By complying with a single harmonized global standard for safe and sustainable food production, producers can show their commitment to Good Agricultural Practices.

GLOBALG.A.P.+ Add-on is the innovative solution for all your specific certification needs. Enhance your GLOBALG.A.P. Standard with customized add-ons that raise your status as a producer and offer buyers specific assurances tailored to their interests and preferences.

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GLOBALG.A.P. AT A GLANCE
THE MOST WIDELY ACCEPTED GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES CERTIFICATION WORLDWIDE

194,000+ certified producers
in 130+ countries

Capacity building for thousands of people on 5 continents and in 10 languages

430+ voluntary members form the GLOBALG.A.P. Community

GLOBALG.A.P. governed by an elected Board

1,000+ international experts active in Technical Committees, National Technical Working Groups and Focus Groups

600+ products available for certification

A harmonization program to benchmark schemes and checklists around the world

A secure online certification database to check producers and validate certificates

A consumer label for plants based on the GLOBALG.A.P. Flowers & Ornamentals Standard

GLOBALG.A.P. Fruit & Vegetables Certification

A pioneering integrity system with independent assessments to monitor the performance of our certification bodies

A consumer label for seafood based on the GLOBALG.A.P. Aquaculture Standard

3 main products with 40+ standards and programs

An extensive worldwide network of consultants to help producers with their certification process

2,000+ inspectors and auditors working for 160 approved certification bodies

An online consumer portal for transparent farm verification and information

FIND OUT HOW GLOBALG.A.P. CAN ADD VALUE TO YOUR BUSINESS AT www.globalgap.org