



FOOD QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

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Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Resources for Fruit and Vegetable Producers

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Information: Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule – <http://mda.maryland.gov/fsma>
GAP/GHP - http://mda.maryland.gov/foodfeedquality/Pages/good_ag_practices.aspx
GAP auditors for the USDA GAP/GHP, Harmonized Pre and Post Harvest, and MDA GAP; Worker Hygiene Training Materials – DVDs and signs; Cost share for USDA GAP and Harmonized audit costs; GAPs Training; List of MDA GAP certified Growers

University of Maryland: <https://www.psla.umd.edu/research/research-lab-pages/food-safety-fresh-fruits-and-vegetables>

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Information: GAPs Training and Resources; Assistance to fruit and vegetable producers with writing Food Safety Plans; Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule – education and technical assistance

USDA - <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp>

Information: USDA GAP, Harmonized Field and Post Harvest Audit Checklists; Guide to USDA Audits; Harmonized Field/Post Harvest Standards; List of USDA GAP/GHP and USDA Harmonized GAP Certified Growers; FDA's Guide to Minimize Microbial Food Safety Hazards

National GAPs Program - <http://www.gaps.cornell.edu/>

Information: GAPs Training; Links to GAPs Information; Downloadable record keeping forms; Educational Materials

UMass GAPs Food Safety Manual - <https://ag.umass.edu/resources/food-safety/food-safety-for-farmers>

Information: Record keeping forms; Guide to developing a food safety plan; Food safety plan examples for download and use

Washington State GAP/GHP Program

<https://agr.wa.gov/FP/Pubs/docs/181-GoodAgriculturalandGoodHandlingPractices-Web.pdf>

Information: Section-by-section briefing of the USDA GAPs audit form; How to prepare for a food safety audit

Produce Safety Alliance - <https://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/>

Information: Education and Resources for compliance with the Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule