



**Agricultural Marketing Service**

# USDA Good Agricultural Practices Audit Services

## A Powerful Suite of Marketing Tools for the Specialty Crops Industry

### Find the USDA GAP Service for You

USDA offers a suite of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) food safety verification audits of specialty crops that meets the diverse needs of suppliers throughout the production and supply chain. USDA GAP audits verify that fruits and vegetables are produced, packed, handled, and stored as safely as possible to minimize risks of microbial food safety hazards.

### Suite of Services

- USDA GAP
- Harmonized GAP
- Harmonized GAP Plus+



### Industry-Specific Services

We also offer GAP programs to meet the needs of the following industry sectors:

- Cantaloupes
- Leafy Greens
- Mushrooms
- Tomatoes

### The Service for You

You determine what type of audit you need, and we can provide it. All USDA GAP audit services are voluntary and provided on a user-fee basis.

### Apply for Service

To make our available and accessible to all in the specialty crops industry, you can apply for service as an individual or under one of our group service options.

**Individual application** delivers service to only to you and your operation.

**GroupGAP** allows individuals or individual groups to pool resources and be USDA GAP-certified as a group.

**Coordinated GAP** allows a group of producers with similar commodities or processes to establish timing for multiple audits to allow the group to share the auditor's travel costs.

### Service Options

**USDA Harmonized GAP Plus+** audits, our newest service offering, include all of the USDA GAP and Harmonized GAP alignments, AND are Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) technically equivalent.

**USDA Harmonized GAP audits** are aligned with industry best practices and FDA and recommendations, and are aligned with the Produce GAP Harmonization Initiative and the Food Safety Modernization Act's (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule.

**USDA GAP&GHP audits** are aligned with industry best practices and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommendations.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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### Which GAP is for You?

For market access, I need:	Global Food Safety Initiative Technical Equivalence	FDA FSMA Produce Safety Rule Alignment	Produce GAP Harmonization Initiative Alignment	Adherence to Industry and FDA Best Practices
<b>USDA Harmonized GAP Plus+</b>	X	X	X	X
<b>USDA Harmonized GAP</b>		X	X	X
<b>USDA GAP&amp;GHP</b>				X