

To: CanadaGAP Stakeholders

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**Subject:** GFSI Survey – Opportunity to provide feedback on recent GFSI requirements

The Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) is holding an online survey to gather feedback from operations certified to a GFSI-recognized program such as CanadaGAP. The survey is available **until June 1**, **2022** at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RGGJNGN.

A language toggle in the upper righthand corner allows the survey to be completed in English, French or Spanish.

GFSI's objective with this survey is to measure the impact of changes recently made to GFSI benchmarking requirements, on affected food businesses and on food safety.

This survey allows CanadaGAP program participants the opportunity to provide feedback directly to GFSI regarding recent changes brought to the CanadaGAP Program as a result of GFSI benchmarking requirements. These changes have included, among others: 100% closeout of corrective action requests, no notice on unannounced audits, and more stringent requirements for multi-site and group certification.

If you have any questions about this survey or the work of GFSI, you can reach them at gfsinfo@theconsumergoodsforum.com.

## **About the CanadaGAP Program**

CanadaGAP® is a national, voluntary food safety program consisting of standards and a certification system for the safe production and handling of fresh fruits and vegetables. Two manuals, one specific to greenhouse operations, the second for other fruit and vegetable operations, have been developed by the horticultural industry and reviewed for technical soundness by Canadian government officials. The manuals are designed for companies implementing Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) in their fruit and vegetable production, packing and storage operations; for repackers and wholesalers implementing Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) and HACCP programs; and for produce brokers following supplier management and traceability best practices.

CanadaGAP® is a program developed in Canada to promote Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) for fruit and vegetable suppliers.

