

To: CanadaGAP Stakeholders

Date: September 18, 2023

Subject: Upcoming Training Opportunities for the CanadaGAP Program (LIVE ONLINE)

Two different training opportunities for the CanadaGAP Program are being offered this fall:

- CanadaGAP Auditor Training course
- Understanding the CanadaGAP Program course

Both courses are offered by Food Safety Solutions

Food Safety Solutions is offering the <u>CanadaGAP Auditor Training course</u> on November 14-15, 21-22, and 27 2023 online. <u>Register early</u> to avoid disappointment! The class will run daily from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Mountain Standard Time (MST).

CanadaGAP Auditor Training November 14-15, 21-22 and 27, 2023 – LIVE ONLINE

What does the course offer?

- Intensive review of CanadaGAP requirements
- Practical examples specific to commodity or region, HACCP component and optional module on auditing repacking and wholesaling operations
- Digital copies of the course materials

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How will the exams be administered?

- The exams [CanadaGAP Auditor Exam, HACCP Exam (optional), and Repacking and Wholesaling Exam (optional)] will be available to write online in a proctored setting after the course is complete. Exam details and proctoring information will be made available before the end of the course
- Note: there is extra cost to take the exam online (cost covers proctoring fee per exam).
 Course registration does not include exam proctoring fees

What are the systems requirements to participate in the training?

- Computer (Windows or macOS)
- An internet connection broadband wired or wireless (3G or 4G/LTE)
- Speakers and a microphone built-in, USB plug-in, or wireless Bluetooth
- A webcam or HD webcam built-in, USB plug-in

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



Who should take this course?

- Those interested in becoming CanadaGAP auditors
- Group internal auditors conducting on-site audits for CanadaGAP group certification
- Those conducting internal audits in preparation for CanadaGAP certification
- Those responsible for the food safety program within their company
- Program participants who want to further their understanding of CanadaGAP requirements
- Consultants, buyers or other stakeholders

What are the pre-qualifying requirements?

- Familiarize yourself with the CanadaGAP Food Safety Manual in advance of the training
- Successfully complete the pre-course assignment and submit it at least ten business days before the course starts
- It is preferable for trainees to have completed applicable pre-requisite courses (HACCP training and training in audit techniques) prior to taking CanadaGAP auditor training
- Review the CanadaGAP auditor qualifications and requirements
- Contact the certification body you want to work for to understand their auditor qualification process

How much does it cost?

• \$1,500 + tax

What's in it for me?

- Understand how to use the CanadaGAP manuals and their requirements
- Identify how to use the CanadaGAP audit checklist
- Describe the hazards associated with fresh produce
- Recognize the basic responsibilities of being an auditor and review basic auditing skills
- Understand the basics of HACCP
- Discuss principles of risk assessment and how they apply to CanadaGAP audits
- Explain various pieces of legislation that affect Canadian operations
- Understand how to read and interpret different kinds of records and documents

How do I register?

• Visit the Food Safety Solutions website.

Food Safety Solutions is also offering the <u>Understanding the CanadaGAP Program</u> course on December 5-6, 2023 online. The class will run daily from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Mountain Standard Time (MST).

This two-day introductory course is designed to educate attendees on the CanadaGAP Food Safety Program. It includes general information about the CanadaGAP program, certification and an overview of the main technical requirements.

Understanding the CanadaGAP Program December 5-6, 2023 – LIVE ONLINE

How will I benefit from this course?

- Understand how to become certified to the CanadaGAP Program (how to enrol in the program; how to keep records; how to prepare for an audit, etc.)
- Understand basic food safety hazards in fresh produce operations
- Understand how to use and implement the CanadaGAP Food Safety Manual

How much does the course cost?

• \$625.00 + tax

Who should take this course?

- Growers/producers, packers, repackers, wholesalers and brokers interested in becoming certified
- Program participants and persons responsible for the food safety program
- Agriculture sector professionals and consultants
- Buyers or other stakeholders

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Need more information?

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