

# COMMUNIQUÉ CANADAGAP® COMMUNIQUÉ

**To:** CanadaGAP Stakeholders  
**Date:** December 18, 2023  
**Subject:** CanadaGAP welcomes a new Certification Body partner – MSVS

The CanadaGAP® Program is pleased to announce the addition of Management Systems Verification Services Canada Inc. (MSVS) as a new Certification Body, who will begin offering CanadaGAP audits and certification on December 18, 2023.



Third-party certification bodies are licensed by CanadaGAP to provide audit and certification services for fresh fruit and vegetable operations who are enrolled in the program. Program participants must comply with food safety standards outlined by CanadaGAP and undergo and successfully complete on-site audits by their selected Certification Body to obtain and maintain CanadaGAP certification.

MSVS is a Canadian owned and operated certification body with headquarters in British Columbia. Co-founders Isabel Varey and Jovana Mitich have expertise in agriculture, food safety and the certification process; they are also the first two recipients (serving English Canada) of the Sheri Nielson Auditor Recognition Award in 2022 and 2023 respectively. This recognition is awarded annually by CanAgPlus to deserving CanadaGAP auditors that have shown extraordinary heart, dedication, and commitment to their role, and have made a significant contribution to the program, the growers, and the industry that CanadaGAP serves.

Varey and Mitich noted that “At MSVS our goal is to improve the certification experience for our customers, employees, and the communities we serve. We strive to create a streamlined process that sets us apart and exceeds the expectations of our stakeholders, while upholding the highest levels of integrity and transparency in everything we do.”

MSVS will be offering its CanadaGAP services in Canada, with services beginning in English-speaking areas with plans to expand to French-speaking areas in the near future.

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



MSVS joins five currently licensed Certification Bodies: Bureau de normalisation du Québec (BNQ), Control Union, dicentra, NSF Canada Agricultural Certification Company (NSF Canada Ag), and TSLC in offering CanadaGAP audits and certification. We encourage you to visit CanadaGAP's CB webpage <https://www.canadagap.ca/certification/certification-bodies/msvs> for more specifics.

For more information on MSVS, please visit [www.msvs.ca/certification/canadagap](http://www.msvs.ca/certification/canadagap)

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