

**To:** CanadaGAP Stakeholders  
**Date:** February 10, 2026  
**Subject:** **Updating your Food Safety Manual for 2026**

As communicated on January 30, 2026, the CanadaGAP manuals have been updated for 2026. Version 11.0 of the Fruit and Vegetable and Greenhouse Manuals are [posted](#) on the CanadaGAP website. A reminder that for certification purposes, the new manuals will **take effect on April 1, 2026**. Re-benchmarking against GFSI Benchmarking Requirements (v2024) is currently underway for Version 11.0 of CanadaGAP Program normative documents.

### How do I update my manual?

*As part of the CanadaGAP program, you are required to go through and review/update your manual **each year** to meet the requirements found in Section 24. The release of Version 11.0 is the optimal time to go through your manual to review its currency and to update it with the 2026 changes.*

The following resource material is available on the CanadaGAP website:

- *Outline of Main Changes to the CanadaGAP Manual*
- Revisions documents – shows in detail all the changes from the previous versions

There are a few ways to update your manual for 2026. **You do NOT need to reprint the entire manual. However, since a new version of the CanadaGAP manuals has not been released for 3 years, operations are advised to carefully review the number of changes that apply to their operation and consider if they may need to reprint the entire manual.**

1. Use the *Outline of Main changes* document to get an overview of the changes. Determine which changes affect your operation (there may be few or none).
2. When you have identified the changes that affect you, view the track changes revisions document, which provides the detailed wording.
3. Print off the necessary pages/sections (to have a formatted, clean copy, you should print from the PDF version without the tracking).
4. Insert any new pages into your existing manual, showing you have completed (checked off) any new procedures relevant to your operation.
5. It is wise to reprint the entire Glossary, or at least print/review any changes to definitions. The terms that have been redefined are listed in the *Outline of Main changes* document. Changes (usually clarifications) to terminology are important to understand, as they can impact how program requirements are met.
6. On the title page of your manual, cross out the previous year's version number/date and write in "Version 11.0 2026", or print a new title page.

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7. If you are NOT printing off the entire manual, ensure that in addition to the 2026 changes, your manual has been updated with the content from the correction notices from 2025 and 2024. Click [here for the 2024 correction notice](#), or [here for the 2025 correction notice](#).

**Note:** if you choose to print the entire manual, ensure you print the clean, formatted PDF version from the CanadaGAP website.

### **Updating your CanadaGAP Forms**

- Some changes/forms may not be applicable to your operation. Review the track changes document to determine if they pertain to you.
- Effective April 1, 2026 start using the new versions of the Forms or update your record keeping templates to ensure the new information/fields are captured.

### **Updates to the fillable PDF versions**

The fillable PDF versions of the CanadaGAP manuals are available for Version 11.0. These fillable PDFs allows operations to complete the manual electronically each year. To use the fillable PDF, download this version and fill out each section as you normally would (including the confirmation log at the end of each section). Once completed, this fillable PDF can then be saved (or printed if necessary). Operations who completed Version 10.0 of the manual using the fillable PDF will have to download Version 11.0 to recomplete for 2026.

Please note this PDF does not include the record keeping forms, so, you will need to keep your records using another method (e.g., using electronic Excel version of the CanadaGAP forms available on the website).

### **Third-party versions of CanadaGAP material**

If you are using a third-party software version or customized version of the CanadaGAP forms/manuals, please confirm that the provider has updated their platform with the CanadaGAP Version 11.0 changes.

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