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To: CanadaGAP Program Participants and Other Stakeholders
Date: April 1, 2026
Subject: Reminder – Changes to CanadaGAP Program Take Effect April 1st

We are writing to remind you that **April 1st** is the effective date for changes to the CanadaGAP program for 2026. Please see reminders below regarding:

1. CanadaGAP Manuals
2. Other CanadaGAP documents
3. Spanish Materials
4. Updates to the CanadaGAP website
5. CanadaGAP Addendum for Pollinator Health

1. CanadaGAP Manuals – Version 11.0 takes effect April 1st

Two previous communiques announced the publication of Version 11.0 of the CanadaGAP Manuals, and provided tips on updating your manual for 2026. See the communiques at:

<https://www.canadagap.ca/publications/communiques/>

To download the manuals, go to: www.canadagap.ca/manuals/downloads/.

In addition to the “*Outline of Main Changes to CanadaGAP Manuals for 2026 (Version 11.0)*” document published on the website, a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the changes can also be downloaded at: <http://www.canadagap.ca/publications/presentations/>.

Use these materials to help speed up the task of updating your manuals for 2026!

2. Other CanadaGAP documents – Version numbers in effect as of April 1st

As previously communicated, some other CanadaGAP documents have been updated for 2026. See below for an overview of current version numbers for each document:

- [CanadaGAP Audit Checklist – Version 11.0](#)
- [CanadaGAP Self-Declaration and Self-Assessment Checklist – Version 11.0](#)
- [CanadaGAP Group Management System Checklist – Version 11.0](#)
- [CanadaGAP Management System Audit Checklist for Multi-site Operations – Version 11.0](#)
- [CanadaGAP Corrective Actions Report – Version 11.0](#)
- [CanadaGAP Program Management Manual - Version 11.0](#)

Download the latest version of each document that you need from the CanadaGAP website at www.canadagap.ca

3. Spanish Materials

Over the past years, CanadaGAP expanded on the number of resources that are available in Spanish. These documents have also been updated in conjunction with the relevant updates for the 2026 season.

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The following materials are available in Spanish at www.canadagap.ca:

- CanadaGAP Food Safety Manual for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
- CanadaGAP Food Safety Manual for Greenhouse Production
- CanadaGAP fillable record keeping forms in Excel
- Appendices to CanadaGAP Food Safety Manuals – *(NOTE: not all the appendices are available in Spanish – a selection of commonly used appendices is available)*
- CanadaGAP Audit Checklist

4. Updates to the CanadaGAP website

The CanadaGAP website is updated continuously; this includes the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) which have been updated to reflect current versions of the CanadaGAP program. New questions have also been added to address new, pertinent topics. We invite you to use the FAQs as a primary resource to answer specific questions, as well as to obtain an overview of common questions for all program participants, auditors and other interested parties.

5. CanadaGAP Addendum for Pollinator Health

The CanadaGAP Addendum for Pollinator Health continues to be available for CanadaGAP program participants in 2026; Version 1.0 (2024) remains the most current version. The addendum has been approved by the IPM Institute of North America as meeting Walmart requirements for protection of pollinator health, and is available to program participants who need it to meet their customer requirements. It is delivered by all CanadaGAP certification bodies, as an add-on checklist provided in conjunction with CanadaGAP on-site audits for certification options C and E.

Program participants should communicate directly with their certification body (CB) to indicate that they would like the addendum added to the scope of their CanadaGAP audit.

For more information visit: <https://www.canadagap.ca/audit-checklist/pollinator-health/>

Questions? If you don't have access to the electronic versions of these documents, please don't hesitate to contact the CanadaGAP office for assistance.

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