

To: CanadaGAP Stakeholders
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Subject: **CanadaGAP Food Safety Manuals updated for 2013**

Updated versions of the CanadaGAP Food Safety Manuals have now been released.

1) Fruit and Vegetable Manual, Version 6.1: covers field/orchard/vineyard-grown crops (i.e., Combined Vegetable, Leafy Vegetable and Cruciferae, Potato, Small Fruit, Tree and Vine Fruit)

2) Greenhouse Manual, Version 6.1: covers greenhouse-grown vegetables.

The revised CanadaGAP manuals have been reviewed and the changes approved by CFIA. For certification purposes, the new manuals take effect on **April 1, 2013**. A corresponding update to the CanadaGAP audit checklist will be issued prior to that effective date.

To facilitate the transition to the updated manuals, the following resources can be found at:
<http://www.canadagap.ca/manuals/manual-downloads/>

- The updated manuals are available as a free download
- A document summarizing commodity-specific differences is available
- Revisions documents tracking the changes from previous versions of the manuals are available

CanadaGAP continues to maintain six separate generic HACCP models, which are available upon request. This approach ensures that any issues or scientific developments affecting only certain crop groupings or commodities will continue to be addressed with the appropriate technical rigour.

In general, requirements for all crop groupings remain largely unchanged for 2013, except where additions were needed to meet requirements of the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), to which the CanadaGAP program is benchmarked. Otherwise the majority of revisions to the manuals are editorial in nature, to clarify or further explain existing requirements.

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