

Please note the following announcement from NSF-GFTC, a CanadaGAP-approved certification body, regarding the delivery of audit services in Quebec.



## **New Partnership in Quebec with Gestion Qualiterra inc**

NSF-GFTC is delighted to announce their new partnership with Gestion Qualiterra inc. This alliance brings together two leading Canadian certification and inspection bodies and enables NSF-GFTC to offer CanadaGAP Certification services in Quebec through Gestion Qualiterra's respected inspection and auditing team.

NSF-GFTC has operated for over 17 years in the Canadian marketplace and already services well over 1000 CanadaGAP members. NSF-GFTC is proud of the reputation for integrity and customer service it has built through its comprehensive certification services offer. The partnership with Gestion Qualiterra, with its expert and highly trained team of auditors and agronomists, is a natural fit; the joint offer enhances the services of both companies. Formed in 1987, Gestion Qualiterra has an excellent track record in providing quality management and audit services to Quebec's agricultural sector.

The CanadaGAP program is growing fast and approximately 2,400 operators are now CanadaGAP-certified, an increase of 17% over 2012. The program meets the needs of fruit and vegetable producers, packers and wholesalers wishing to implement a national food safety program, which includes a certification system to meet retailer and processor requirements and gain market access.

Natalia St-Amand, agronome et directrice générale de Gestion Qualiterra commented on the alliance, "This partnership will bring many opportunities to Gestion Qualiterra Inc. and to the producers who believe in its services. NSF-GFTC's commitment to customer service, the access to additional technical expertise, and its reputation for integrity and quality made NSF-GFTC a clear choice.

Jackie Bowen, Director of NSF-GFTC Agriculture added "We are proud to partner an organization like GQ which will extend our service reach and enable us together to help enhance the quality and competitive position of Quebec producers."

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