

FAQ's

What is a GlobalG.A.P. Audit Scope?

Each crop (apples, pears, spinach, carrots etc.) must be listed as part of the scope and audited in order to be GlobalG.A.P. Certified. In order to certify each product the audit must take place during harvest for each crop grouping.

Can farms produce both certified and uncertified product?

Yes, it is called parallel production. This means that farm can produce both GlobalG.A.P. Certified carrots and uncertified carrots but they must be separated in production.

Can farms also certify their packing house?

Yes, the packing house will also be included in the audit if it is owned by the legal entity that owns the farm or if it is part of the producer group.

Can producers buy uncertified products?

Yes it is called parallel ownership. This is where producers will buy non-certified products of the same products they grown under production. Example: a producer or producer group member grows certified apples and buy non-certified apples.

Can packing house process both GlobalG.A.P. certified and uncertified products?

Yes, during processing, storage and distribution certified and uncertified product must be segregated at all times (input, process, output) and is guarantee and provision have been put in place through procedures and records.

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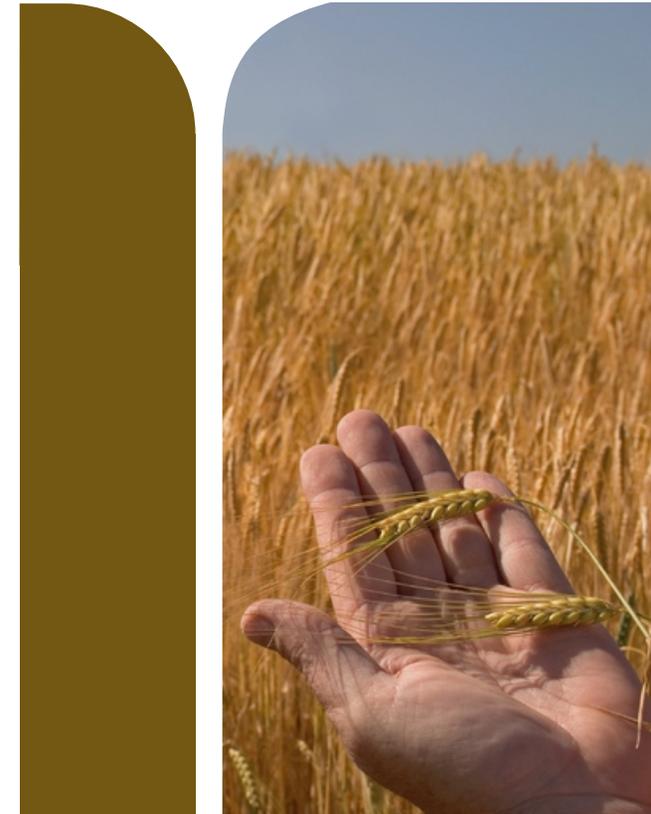


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GLOBALG.A.P.

This is a globally recognized certification program that began as EUREGAP in 1997 to help the supermarkets in Europe to address consumer concerns about the safety of agricultural practices and products. GLOBALG.A.P. is the world's leading farm assurance program, with over 100 countries following the requirements of Good Agricultural Practices (G.A.P.). It focuses on globally accepted criteria for food safety, sustainable production methods, worker and animal welfare, and the responsible use of resources such as water, compound feed, and plant propagation materials.

GLOBALG.A.P. Facts:

- Widely accepted and largest private sector farm assurance standards organization
- 135,000 producers under certification and assessment in 120 countries
- 400+ certified products; 23 standards, add-on modules and programs
- 1,350 trained inspectors and auditors working for 140 certification bodies (approved by 33 accreditation bodies)
- 375 member organizations across the industry with the shared vision of harmonizing G.A.P. globally
- 1,000 people trained in 2011: 90 courses, on 5 continents, in 5 languages
- International network of Farm Assurers to assist producers onsite with the certification process
- Secure, global certification database (Brochure) with free public basic search, and advanced search/bookmarking services for producers and retailers
- GLOBALG.A.P. is a business-to-business brand and is not directly visible to consumers.

There is a wide variety of certification options available through GLOBALG.A.P., depending on the size and scope of the business. Some of these options can even be customized to the specific needs of customers.

LocalG.A.P. (IgNA) is an assessment geared toward farms that cater to local and domestic markets as well as introducing food safety processes to farmers who might be new to the ideas and practices. Two different levels of this assessment are available: the foundation level, which focuses more on local markets, and intermediate, which is recognized by some national retailers.

The Produce Safety Standard (PSS) is recognized by more national retailers than LocalG.A.P. and is GFSI recognized. This certification includes produce handling, integrated crop management, integrated pest control, quality management systems, and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP). This level is geared toward companies that are interested in being food safety certified for markets in the United States and Canada, but it is possible to upgrade the certificate if additional criteria are required or the producer wishes to export produce outside of the United States.

Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) is the full GLOBALG.A.P. certification program and covers all agriculture, aquaculture, livestock, and horticulture production. This certification also examines other aspects of food production and the supply chain, including chain of custody and compound feed manufacturing. IFA is revised every four years and is currently in its fourth version.

PJRFSI currently offers certification to Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA), Produce Safety Standard (PSS) and Local G.A.P for fruits and vegetables.

PJRFSI, Your Certification Partner

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