

What is CanadaGAP?

CanadaGAP is an on farm food safety program that was developed for production, storage, packing, repacking, wholesale and brokerage of fresh fruits and vegetable and greenhouse fruits and vegetables. It is a key requirement for producers wishing to sell their products in the retail marketplace. Several Canadian buyers – including Loblaw Companies Limited, McCain Foods Canada, Simplot Canada and Lamb-Weston – are requiring that growers become certified under the CanadaGAP Program.

Detailed CanadaGAP fact sheet:

http://search.standardsmap.org/assets/media/CanadaGAP/English/AtAGlance_EN.pdf

Manuals containing details of the standards can be found for fresh fruits and vegetables and greenhouse fruits and vegetables at the following link:

<http://www.canadagap.ca/manuals/manual-downloads/>

Companies enrolled in the CanadaGAP program must follow the food safety standards outlined by the program, and successfully complete audits in order to become CanadaGAP-certified.

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<http://www.canadagap.ca/publications/comunique/>

How to enroll in CanadaGAP

An enrollment form must be filled out and submitted to CanadaGAP. The enrollment form can be found at the following link:

<http://www.canadagap.ca/becoming-certified/getting-started/>

Participants of the program must also choose a Certification Body. There are two Certification Bodies that service the Saskatchewan area:

NSF Canada Ag

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<http://www.canadagap.ca/becoming-certified/certification-bodies/guelph-food-technology-centre/>

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<http://www.canadagap.ca/becoming-certified/certification-bodies/sgs/>

Becoming Certified, Auditing Process and Fees

Once an enrollment form is completed it will be sent to the Certification Body. The Certification Body will then contact you to schedule an audit. The scope and length will also be determined at this point as the Certification Body will discuss the details of your operation with you to determine the complexity and estimate the time required. A price will also be estimated by the Certification Body based on details of this discussion.

For further details:

<http://www.canadagap.ca/becoming-certified/audit-and-certification-process/>

<http://www.canadagap.ca/becoming-certified/certification-options/>

Aside from the cost of an audit (you must contact the Certification Body for rates); a fee must also be paid to CanadaGAP depending on the type of Certification you choose.

A more detailed explanation can be found at the following link:

<http://www.canadagap.ca/becoming-certified/certification-costs/>

*see next page for summary of Certification Options and Fees

Certification Options and Fees

| OPTIONS | AUDIT FREQUENCY | FEATURES | ANNUAL FEE | Canadian Horticulture Council (CHC) \$50 ANNUAL FEE |
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| A1 – Individual Supplier | Every 4 years – scheduled on-site Could be selected for random audit in Years 2,3,4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 on-site audit by Certification Body Annually – if not selected for random audit, must complete sworn declaration and self-assessment | \$500 | \$50 per operation <i>(billed by CanadaGAP)</i> |
| A2 – Individual Supplier | Every 4 years – on-site audit (scheduled or random) No more than 4 years between on-site audits. If selected for a random audit, scheduled audit date will be extended to four years from the random audit date. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 is always a scheduled audit by the Certification Body Annually – if not selected for a random audit, must complete sworn declaration and self-assessment | \$500 | \$50 per operation <i>(billed by CanadaGAP)</i> |
| A3 – Group Certification | Annually – Group must internally audit 25% of its member farms Over 4 years – Group internally audits all farms Annually – Group must internally audit its own Management System and central facilities Every 3 years – Certification Body will audit Management System of Central Facilities and sampling farms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annually remaining 75% of farms must complete sworn declarations and self-assessments Annually – Group must review declaration and self-assessments Group must run internal management system and effectively act as Certification Body for its members Group Management System is subject to oversight by Certification Body | \$2500 for first 25 group members; \$500 for each additional 25 | \$50 per group member <i>(billed by CanadaGAP)</i> |
| B – Group Certification (GFSI Recognized) | Annually – Group must internally audit all member farms, central facilities and Management System Annually – Certification Body will audit the Group Management System Annually – Sampling audits by Certification Body of central facilities and farms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group must run its own internal Management System and effectively act as Certification Body for its members Group Management System is subject to oversight by 3rd party Certification Body | \$2500 for first 25 group members; \$500 for each additional 25 | \$50 per group member <i>(billed by CanadaGAP)</i> |
| C – Individual Supplier (GFSI Recognized) | Annual | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-site by 3rd party Certification Body Meets International benchmarking requirements | \$250 | \$50 per operation <i>(billed by CanadaGAP)</i> |
| D – Repacking, Wholesale and Brokerage (GFSI Recognized) | Annual | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-site audit by 3rd party Certification Body Repacking and wholesaling components meet international benchmarking requirements | \$750 | Not Applicable |

NOTE: Options B, C and D are GFSI Recognized and are the preferred certifications by most Canadian retailers.