

Post-assessment survey (GAP)

Dear Participant,

Thank you for attending this meeting as part of our Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) education and outreach project. To help us understand the efficacy of the program, we would like you to complete this survey. This voluntary survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. You can refuse to take part or stop at any time without penalty. Your decision to participate will have no impact on your participation in this program or programs with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Do you consent to participate in the survey?

1. Yes, I agree to participate.
2. No, I do not agree to participate.

What state are you from?

1. (list states)
2. Other _____

Race/Ethnicity (please select all that apply):

1. African American
2. American Indian or Alaska Native
3. Asian
4. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
5. White
6. Hispanic or Latino
7. Option Not Provided – Please specify: _____

Gender

1. Male
2. Female
3. Nonbinary
4. Option Not Provided _____

Please select all that apply for each of the following questions: For any USDA Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) audit program,

1. Participation is voluntary.
2. Participation is required.
3. It verifies that fruits and vegetables are produced, packed, handled and stored to minimize food safety risks
4. It occurs at least once a year during harvest or post-harvest activities.

Please select all that apply for each of the following questions: The purpose of the USDA GAP audit program is

1. To provide better market access for growers.
2. To show buyers that the producer is committed to food safety.
3. To prove that the products are safe.
4. To confuse a grower with additional records and procedures.

Please select all that apply for each of the following questions: Pursuing GAP certification helps growers show a commitment to food safety when they want to sell to:

1. Hospitals
2. Childcare Facilities
3. Retail Markets
4. Co-ops or Food Hubs
5. Restaurants
6. Prisons

Please select all that apply for each of the following questions: GroupGAP is a USDA certification option that...

1. Allows a group of growers to pool resources.
2. Operates under a Quality Management System (QMS).
3. Must have a group manager.
4. Must have an internal auditor.

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Please select all that apply for each of the following questions: Pursuing GroupGAP certification requires several up-front, one-time fees:

1. And will get more expensive over time.
2. But the expenses could decrease over time.
3. But you can apply for funding to cover their costs.
4. But that is the only cost you will incur.

Please choose the best response below:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I understand why GAP certification might be a worthwhile endeavor for my farm as a business investment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I believe having GAP certification would increase marketing opportunities for my operation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand why GAP certification might be a worthwhile endeavor for my farm to show my commitment to food safety.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand there are resources available to help me pursue GAP certification.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am confident in my ability to choose the best GAP certification program for my farm.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I believe GroupGAP certification is an option for me and other growers in my area to provide additional marketing opportunities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If buyers required GAP certification, I would be more likely to participate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I believe a network connecting growers and buyers would be helpful for my business.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have a working relationship with my local State Department of Agriculture's Regulatory Authority.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have a working relationship with my local Extension Service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have a working relationship with at least one Non-Government Organization (Food Hub, Producer Association, etc....).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In the next year, do you expect to: [select all that apply]

1. Contact USDA with GAP questions and/or for assistance.
2. Contact my local Cooperative Extension with GAP questions and/or for assistance.
3. Contact a local Non-Government Organization (NGO) with GAP questions and/or for assistance.
4. Contact my State Department of Agriculture with GAP questions and/or for assistance.
5. Pursue GAP certification for my operation.
6. Contact my produce buyer to determine their Food Safety requirements and/or preferences
7. Reach out to fellow growers and/or a local food hub to investigate joining or starting a group to pursue GroupGAP certification.
8. Other _____

On a scale from 1 to 5, with five being very satisfied how would rate the GAP pilot training session you participated in?

Comments/Suggestions: