



# Grower Membership

**Connecting farmers through environmentally and socially sustainable good agricultural practices**

## GAP Connections

GAP Connections develops, maintains, and provides leadership for agricultural standards and practices. We seek to promote production that is competitive, sustainable, fair, compliant, and responsive to changing industry conditions and stakeholder needs.

GAP Connections fills in the figurative gaps and connects farmers to resources. In a culture with standards and requirements that are both variable and numerous, **GAP Connections pursues simplicity and ease for the growers, the backbone of our industry.**

## For Growers: Sustainability and Simplification

The ultimate goal of GAP Connections is to minimize your burden. Your focus should be on the crop, on the employees and on the land. We provide a single location for centralized information. Here, GAP standards are streamlined and universally accepted by member tobacco companies. Collaboration is encouraged, partnerships produced, and educational resources made accessible.

**GAP Connections seeks to minimize inconvenience and maximize compliance.**

## Grower Membership

At registration for a Grower ID, growers will become members of GAP Connections and receive the following benefits:

- Grower ID card for scanning at GAP trainings for easy tracking of attendance
- Online access to their grower profile and GAP training history
- Easy way to share their GAP efforts with member companies
- Biannual GAP Connections electronic newsletter
- Voice in the U.S. Tobacco GAP standard setting process
- Access to training calendar and many online grower resources

If a grower does not have internet access, they will still be able to have their Grower ID card scanned at GAP trainings and be able to share their GAP information with member companies. An annual transcript of their GAP records will be mailed from GAP Connections.



[www.gapconnections.com](http://www.gapconnections.com)



# Grower ID System

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The Grower ID System is a secure database of tobacco growers involved in the U.S. Tobacco GAP Program. The system, by assigning a unique ID number to each grower, will help growers easily keep track of and share their GAP compliance records with potential companies. Instead of a grower's GAP efforts being tracked only through their current contracting companies, growers will have their GAP information follow them from year to year regardless of marketing company.

## Step 1: Registering for Grower ID

Growers can register by going to the GAP Connections website at [www.gapconnections.com](http://www.gapconnections.com). When growers register for a card they will be asked to provide the following information:

- First, Middle, and Last Name
- Farm Name
- Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY)
- Email
- Farm address, City, State, Zip
- Type of tobacco, Acres of each
- Phone Number
- County of primary farm operation
- Mailing address, City, State, Zip

## Step 2: Getting the Grower ID card

Once the online registration form is completed a Grower ID Number will be immediately assigned to the grower. A temporary or permanent Grower ID card can be obtained in a variety of ways

### Option 1: Grower registers on a device that is connected to a printer.

A temporary card is printed immediately that can be used at a training event until a permanent card can be obtained in the mail.

### Option 2: Grower registers on a device without access to a printer.

A grower can use their Grower ID number and password they created when registering to navigate to their grower profile page and print a temporary card when they become connected to a printer. A permanent card will be mailed to you within 3 weeks.

### The Grower ID Card

The grower ID card would include the grower's full name, birthdate, grower ID number and a unique QR code that will be scanned at GAP educational/training events.

