



GAPC Certification Tips

You have applied, your application has been approved, and you have contacted your chosen auditing firm...what's next? We hope to answer that question and others you may have with a weekly email containing tips, advice and reminders that will help you achieve GAPC Certification in 2019.



This week: What's Next?

- 1. Make sure all individuals listed on the Certification Application (Primary and Associates) have attended training.** All Grower ID's listed on an application must attend 2019 annual GAP training by June 30th for the farm to be GAPC Certified. If you have not attended training and need to do so please contact your local Extension agent about the possibility of video training (please note this is not available in all locations). If your audit or site visit is after June 30th and everyone has not attended training Certification will be denied. It is not remediable after June 30th.
- 2. Complete your self-assessment ONE week prior to your Certification Audit.** All growers going through Certification must complete the Self-Assessment annually. Questions for 2019 are now available. Log into your Grower Profile at www.gapconnections.com to access the Self-Assessment. Your goal is to achieve 100% on all topics (crop, environment and labor). The percentages will update at the top of the page each time you submit your answers.
- 3. Prepare for your Certification Audit or Site Visit.** Review the materials in the approval packet that was emailed or mailed to you. This packet includes the GAPC Certification Checklist and the GAPC Certification Compliance Guide. The Certification Compliance Guide document lists the questions that will be asked on your GAPC Certification Audit and method of verification. These materials can be found [here](#).

In future emails...

- Worker Interviews: How many and who?
- I-9's: Who needs them and what will we be looking for?
- Wage Statements: What is required?
- Certification Scoring: How do I know whether I have achieved Certification?

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