

2021 Approved Monitoring Firms for GAPC Certification

GAPC publishes an RFP each Fall to request proposals from monitoring firms. Monitoring firms are approved by the GAPC Board of Directors after proposals and auditor qualifications are reviewed internally and by the GAPC Board of Directors.

For any information on group pricing or discounts please contact the monitoring firm directly. All monitoring firms set their own pricing.

Accordia

Accordia is a family business with over 10 years of experience in agriculture. Their headquarters are in St. Augustine, FL with management staff and technical experts responsible for global and regional U.S. operations, client services, audit execution, and quality control. The owners of the company are both experienced lead auditors and actively perform audits.

Accordia utilizes a scheduler for pre-audit communication, an Administrative Assistant to answer calls and questions, a Quality Assurance (QA) Team to perform quality review and off-site remediation, four auditors to conduct monitoring visits, and a Program Manager to oversee and address any operational concerns. All growers will receive a minimum of a two weeks' notice, Accordia will begin coordinating with growers for scheduling as soon as they are notified that an operation has chosen their audit firm.

Contact Information: Dee Gonsalves Phone: (905) 469-1442 scheduling or audit inquiries. Calls will be answered Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, any voicemails outside of business hours will receive follow up the next business day.

Activity	All expenses included pricing	Cost plus expenses (if applicable)
Year 1 Certification with worker interviews	\$500	\$400
Year 1 Certification without worker interviews	\$500	\$400
Year 2/3 Certification: Site Visit with worker interviews	\$500	\$400
Year 2/3 Certification: Site Visit without worker interviews	\$500	\$400
Year 3 Certification: through desktop review (no on-farm visit)	\$100	\$100 (no expenses)
Remediation through desktop review /documentation review (no on-farm visit)	\$100	\$100 (no expenses)
Remediation through an on-farm visit	\$500	\$400

ARCHE Advisors

ARCHE Advisors brings many decades of combined experience in corporate social responsibility and sustainability audit services. In addition to this, ARCHE has over 6 years of experience in the tobacco industry. Their headquarters are in St. George, UT, with audit staff located across the U.S.

ARCHE Advisors auditors will be scheduling their own visits and will be providing a two-week notification prior to the monitoring visit. There will be seven auditors to conduct monitoring visits, and a dedicated Client Services Manager to take calls and address issues.

Contact Information: Tracy Ford Phone: (561) 319-4705 | Text: (561) 319-4705 | Email: GAPCertification@ArcheAdvisors.com Calls will be answered and returned between 8:00am- 6:00pm PT.

Activity	All expenses included pricing	Cost plus expenses (if applicable)
Year 1 Certification with worker interviews	\$500-\$550*	N/A
Year 1 Certification without worker interviews	\$450-\$500*	N/A
Year 2/3 Certification: Site Visit with worker interviews	\$450-\$500*	N/A
Year 2/3 Certification: Site Visit without worker interviews	\$400-\$450*	N/A
Year 3 Certification: through desktop review (no on-farm visit)	\$200	N/A
Remediation through desktop review /documentation review (no on-farm visit)	\$50	N/A
Remediation through an on-farm visit	\$750	N/A

*Lower amount quoted above signifies audit volume in a given area; three or more within 15 miles.

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LANCO GAP Services

LANCO GAP Services was formed in 2017 and has experience in agriculture auditing in food safety, USDA Harmonized GAP, and tobacco. Prior to forming the company, the managing member also had previous experience in providing GAP services to Pennsylvania farmers. On-farm services are available for growers in the Pennsylvania and Northern Maryland areas. Electronic Desktop Review services are available for growers from any geographic area.

LANCO GAP Services auditors will be scheduling their own visits and will be providing a two-week notification prior to the monitoring visit. There will be four auditors to conduct monitoring visits, and the owner of the company will be available to train and calibrate other auditors as needed, as well as handle document review remediation.

Contact Information: Daniel B. Zook, 183 South Farmersville Road, Leola PA 17540 Phone: (717) 656-4422 Hours: 7:30-11:00 AM, 1:00-4:30 PM, to speak to someone in person try calling 7:30-8:00 AM Fax: (717) 212-9134 | Email: zook.daniel1@gmail.com

Activity	All expenses included pricing	Pricing for members of qualified organized group
Certification Audit with worker interviews	\$475	\$425
Certification Audit without worker interviews	\$375	\$325
Certification Site Visit with worker interviews	\$425	\$375
Certification Site Visit without worker interviews	\$325	\$275
Desktop Review with on-farm visit	\$275	\$225
Desktop Review with document submission (no on-farm visit)	\$150	\$150
Grower notifies firm after April 30	Add \$25 to prices above (subject to availability)	Add \$25 to prices above (subject to availability)
Remediation through desktop review/ documentation review (no on-farm visit)	\$15/document or item (\$30 minimum)	\$15/document or item (\$30 minimum)
Remediation through an on- farm visit	Up to \$175	Up to \$175

* Payment is due at time of service. A 1.5% per month (\$3.00 minimum) finance charge will be added thereafter. LGS appreciates at least 48 hours' notice if the grower cannot keep a scheduled appointment. LGS may charge a \$60.00 cancellation fee if the grower is not available for the audit and has not notified the auditor. This includes growers who cancel certification (drop out of the GAPC program) without notifying the auditor. Desktop Review with document submission must be paid before the review will be conducted.

QCS- Quality Certification Services

QCS has been an industry leader in providing organic, food safety, and ethical certifications since 1989. QCS has experience in both agriculture and tobacco auditing. QCS can conduct both Organic and GAP Connections Certification visits and offers individual or combined pricing.

QCS auditors are responsible for coordinating specific dates and times for the monitoring visits and making sure every client assigned to them has at least a two-week notice. There will be five auditors to conduct monitoring visits, and an administrative staff to answer any questions. There is also a Special Programs Manager who will be utilized to group inspections within regions and ensure any combined audits (Organic/Global GAP) are noted and to assign to the auditor.

Contact Information: Phone: (352) 377-0133 Text: (352) 681-8838 | Email: Dawn@qcsinfo.org | Hours of Operation: 9am – 5pm EST, Monday – Friday

Activity	Cost plus expenses (if applicable)	Combination pricing (Organic + GAPC)
Certification Audit with worker interviews	\$450 + expenses	\$450, no expenses accrued
Certification Site Visit with worker interview	\$400 + expenses	\$400, no expenses accrued
Certification site visit without worker interviews	\$350 + expenses	\$350, no expenses accrued
Desktop Review with on-farm visit	\$350 + expenses	\$350, no expenses accrued
Desktop Review with document submission (no on-farm visit)	\$50/Hour	\$50/Hour
Remediation through desktop review/documentation review (no on-farm visit)	\$50/Hour	\$50/Hour
Remediation through an on-farm visit	\$350 + expenses	\$350, no expenses accrued
* All expenses not to exceed \$220.00, if an operation is exempt or excluded from eligible Farm Labor Standards as determined by an onsite assessment by the auditor, \$280.00 plus expenses will be charged.		

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