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March Newsletter



GAPC Certification Application is OPEN

2025 GAPC Certification Application

All growers involved in the GAPC Certification program must apply annually to maintain their certification.

The application period is from January 15, 2025, to April 15, 2025.

Applications submitted after April 15 are subject to a late fee.

Apply online at
www.gapconnections.com



Countdown to April 15



2025 Annual GAP Training Available Online

GAP Connections (GAPC) coordinates Annual GAP Training to provide growers the opportunity to learn from content experts about the latest crop, environmental, and labor best management practices. GAPC appreciates and recognizes the partnerships we have with the tobacco Extension Educators and Specialists and other content experts to best serve the growers.

In-person training has concluded. There is one more chance for growers in Kentucky and Tennessee listed below to go to their county extension offices to view a live webinar training.

If you are still in need of training online training is live and can be found on the Grower Dashboard in the Training Section.



Last Chance Annual GAP Connections Training for Burley & Dark Growers at Extension Offices

Burley and Dark growers in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee who missed an in-person training held in their area have one more opportunity to complete Annual GAP Training before the June 30 deadline.

The County Extension Offices will hold a virtual Annual GAP Training on **Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 10 a.m. (EST) / 9 a.m. (CST)**. Speakers will include Dr. Andy Bailey, University of Kentucky, Dr. Robert Pearce, University of Kentucky, Dr. Mitchell Richmond, University of Tennessee, and Amy Rochkes, GAP Connections.

Growers must register with their County Extension Office and attend in-person at the county office location. For more information, contact Amy Rochkes, arochkes@gapconnections.com or (865) 622-4606, ext. 107.



Tools and Resources

GAP Connections 2024 Annual Report is Online

Our successes are thanks to our staff, board, advisory committees, stakeholders, and the thousands of growers and farmworkers who adapt to the evolving agricultural landscape. We appreciate the growers who continually strive for higher standards on their farms. We recognize that this dedication requires significant effort and resources. In return, GAPC hopes Certification provides tangible value, demonstrating that buying from a GAPC Certified Grower means supporting a grower who follows best agronomic practices, prioritizes environmental stewardship, efficiently uses water, protects soil health and habitats, reduces CPA use, and respects workers' rights.

We look forward to continuing to serve the agricultural community in 2025.

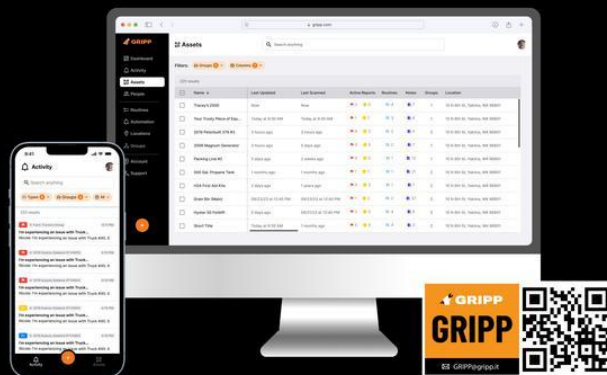


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