



Things to Remember:

1. Applications and Renewals must be submitted by **April 15**.
2. Deadline for growers to contact an approved auditing firm for best pricing is **April 15**.
3. All growers listed on the application must complete annual GAP Training by **June 30**.
4. The 2020 Self-Assessment will be available to growers on **April 1**. The Self-Assessment must be complete before the monitoring visit and is one per operation.
5. Credit Card payment will not be processed until the application is approved.
6. Associated Growers must log in and accept the Terms and Conditions after the application has been approved. Primary Growers will receive notification when the application is approved.
7. GAPC staff are here to help! If you have questions call GAPC at 865.622.4606

For more information visit our website at www.gapconnections.com

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2020 Annual GAPC Training Dates

Training dates are being scheduled daily, if you do not see one in your area, check back or contact your county Extension Office.

Visit our website at www.gapconnections.com/training to see what training dates have been scheduled for 2020.

For more information, please contact Amy Rochkes, Training and Resource Coordinator, 865.622.4606 extension 107.



GAP Connections Growers Advisory Committee met February 12-13 in Hopkinsville, KY for their annual face-to-face meeting. Three new committee members; Matthew Drake, North Carolina Flue; Jason Clary, Virginia Flue; and Andrew Miller, Pennsylvania/Maryland Air; joined the committee in January 2020. GAP Connections board members Linda McMurtry, Hail & Cotton; Jennie Salyer, Gallatin Redrying & Storage; and Randy Henderson, Swisher International joined the committee for their meeting.

Dr. Andy Bailey, University of Kentucky Extension Tobacco Specialist, spoke with the group about dark air and fire production. The committee heard reports from GAPC Staff on Training, Farm Safety & Compliance Events, and Certification Program. On February 13, the committee toured the US Smokeless Tobacco facility in Hopkinsville, KY.

2020 GAPC Records Available in Excel

GAP Connections has a great tool for those who like to utilize keeping records digitally. All the same information in the paper records are now available to download in an Excel workbook. **Download the file [here](#).**



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New HR Legal Helpline

GAPC has a new partnership with Jackson Lewis to provide growers with a comprehensive risk management helpline service carefully designed to help manage

workforce employment issues and reduce exposure to employment related liability.

This helpline is free to all GAPC grower members. Growers can access the helpline by phone (833) 499-0275. When contacting the helpline, please be prepared to provide, your name, GAPC grower ID #, location, type of issue, phone and email (if available). For more information visit www.jacksonlewis.com. Subscribe [here](#) to receive communications from Jackson Lewis.



Events & News from Others



AgSafe H2A Cost Estimator Now Available

The H2A Guest Worker Visa Program Cost Estimator is an online, interactive tool designed to assist growers in determining realistic cost estimates to use the program. [Check it out](#) today to help you determine if the program is right for you!

OSHA Injury and Illness Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements

OSHA requires all employers with 20-249 workers to submit OSHA Form 300A even if no accidents or illness occurred. The date by which employers are required to submit to OSHA the information from their completed Form 300A is **March 2nd** of the year after the calendar year covered by the form. More information and link to submit online is here:

<https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/index.html>

Industry News

Proposed legislation in the United States Congress would include a ban on menthol cigarettes and smokeless mint/wintergreen products. Link to proposed legislation: [H.R. 2339 "Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2019"](#). You can contact your grower association or contracting company to find out more about this issue.



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