

# CANADAGAP CERTIFICATION

## CANADAGAP®

NSF Canada Agricultural Certification Company is the leading global certifier of CanadaGAP. Accredited by ANSI, we are one of few organizations accredited to certify to CanadaGAP, a Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI)-benchmarked national food safety program.



### THE STANDARD COVERS:

- > Production – Field and greenhouse activities
- > Packing – The first time harvested products are put in packaging materials
- > Storage – Before and after packing, including standalone storage facilities
- > Repacking, wholesale and brokerage

### CERTIFICATION BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- > Access to international markets and major food buyers
- > Audit consistency
- > Flexible certification options to suit many types of organizations

CanadaGAP consists of food safety standards and a certification system for the safe production, storage, and packing of fresh fruits and vegetables including repacking, wholesale and brokerage. This program helps businesses implement good agricultural practices (GAPs). To become certified, participants must comply with food safety manuals that were developed by the horticultural industry and reviewed for technical accuracy and validity by Canadian government officials. The operation must also undergo and successfully complete on-site audits.

Thousands of producers, packers, repackers, wholesalers, and storage facilities have been certified to CanadaGAP since the program launched in 2008. Today, CanadaGAP has become the leading GFSI-benchmarked produce certification for Canadian companies.

GFSI-benchmarked certifications, like CanadaGAP, offer the advantage of streamlining acceptance between sellers and buyers around the world by meeting high standards for food safety and quality. The Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) also strives for the continuous improvement of food safety management systems. Since its inception, the demand for GFSI-benchmarked certifications has exponentially grown as major buyers around the world now require it.

# CERTIFICATION OPTIONS

CanadaGAP currently offers five certification options for production, packing, and storage of fresh fruit and vegetables. With the exception of Option D, technical requirements are the same for all the certification options below.

Cert. Options	No. of Sites	Audit Frequency	Level of Recognition	More Information
C	Single Certification – Production, Packing, Storage of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	Annual	GFSI-benchmarked	Annual on-site audit
B	Group Certification – Production, Packing, Storage of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	Annual	GFSI-benchmarked	Producers can be certified by organizing themselves as a group and running a central food safety management system
A1	Single Certification – Production, Packing, Storage of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	Four-year Cycle	Designed to meet Canadian Government requirements	In years 2 to 4, you must submit a sworn declaration and a self-assessment checklist reviewed by NSF Canada Agricultural Certification Company and participate in the random audit program
A2	Single Certification – Production, Packing, Storage of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	Variable Four-year Cycle	Designed to meet Canadian Government requirements	Same as A1, but if your site is selected for a random audit, the next audit will be scheduled 4 years later
A3	Group Certification – Production, Packing, Storage of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	Four-year Cycle	Designed to meet Canadian Government requirements	Similar to Certification Option B, producers can be certified by organizing themselves as a Group and running a central food safety management system
D	Single Certification - Repacking, Wholesale and Brokerage	Annual	Eligible for GFSI Benchmarking	Annual on-site audit. Repacking and wholesale operations must develop and maintain a site-specific HACCP plan.

Important: Confirm with your customer regarding their acceptance of CanadaGAP certification options.

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