

Preparing for CanadaGAP: webinar series 2023

Are you a fresh fruit and vegetable business interested in, or expanding into the retail, wholesale or food service markets? The **Preparing for CanadaGAP webinar series** will help to create an understanding of the application process and break down its requirements and process into clear steps.

Participants will walk through the CanadaGAP manual with presenter, Erin Hiebert, Manager of Food Safety and Skills Development at the Saskatchewan Food Center.

Join the group exercises and have your business questions answered about this certification standard. Guest speakers from the industry will join to share their experiences with CanadaGAP preparation and certification.

Why CanadaGAP? Implementing CanadaGAP into your business provides assurance to retail and foodservice buyers. It will:

- ▶ ensure you are meeting your customer requirements for safe food
- ▶ position your business to access new market channels
- ▶ increase the opportunity for financial success

Businesses with CanadaGAP meet the preventive control plan requirements of the *Safe Food for Canadians Act and Regulations (SFCR)*.

At this interactive workshop, you will learn how to:

- ▶ Break down the CanadaGAP requirements into easy-to-understand instructions.
- ▶ Identify the steps to prepare for your first certification audit.
- ▶ Manage the risks associated with fresh produce and increase your marketing capacity.
- ▶ Develop and implement standard operating procedures (SOPs).
- ▶ Explore why good record keeping is important.
- ▶ Merge program requirements with your existing record keeping system.
- ▶ Listen to guest speakers from foodservices and retail that require CanadaGAP, and from a producer that has CanadaGAP certification.

Webinar dates

- ▶ **Six week sessions:** weeks of Nov. 1 to Dec. 6, 2023 (2.5 hour per session).
- ▶ **Register:** pre-registration process is required. **Deadline is Oct. 23.**

Information session

Not sure if this is for you? a half-hour information session will be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 18** during the lunch hour (see details below).

Costs and commitment

Registration is \$75 per business. Please note that a significant time commitment is required, which includes completing all of the sessions and participating in discussions.

Program value: \$750

TO REGISTER

For more information and to register for the **Oct. 18 information session** and/or the six-week series starting in November, contact Sharon Faye, local food coordinator with Leduc County, at **780-770-9271** or **sharon@leduc-county.com**. Learn more at: **www.leduc-county.com/CanadaGAPseries2023**.



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