

Good Agricultural Practices(GAPs)

Course for Horticulture

Consumers worldwide are demanding quality foods that are produced safely and sustainably. Smallholder farmers are a critical part of the global food supply chain, but they must meet the requirements in order to access the local, regional, and global markets. This course exists to build the capacity of smallholder farmers, preparing them to meet the consumer demands and increase food safety and sustainability on their farms.

Why this course?

This course provides the basic overview of good agricultural practices (GAPs) that smallholder farmers need to know and apply to reach a greater business proficiency and ensure food safety in their farming business. This course aligns smallholder farmers with basic principles of two widely recognized international sustainability and food certifications: Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) Global Markets Program and SAI Platform's Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA).



What does this course offer?

This offering is modularly based. Each 2-3 hour module is designed to stand alone or be mixed and matched with other modules. This enables farmers to invest their time in the areas of interest or need. Each module, currently in English, is region and crop agnostic and can be customized for regional requirements, languages, needs, crops, and other specifications.

The modules bring the GAPs to life as participants discover what they know about the GAPs, what they should be incorporating in their farming business, and the benefits of adhering to GAPs. In each module, smallholder farmers will create an action plan to implement GAPs in their farming business.

Course Objectives

- Gain a solid understanding of basic good agricultural practices applicable to a farming business.
- Align farm practices to internationally recognized standards / certifications to increase market demand.
- Develop an action plan to implement GAPs in your farming business.

Target Audience

Smallholder farmers working with fruit and vegetables globally

Modules

- Farming as a Business
- Farm Management
- Soil Health
- Plant Protection
- Water Management
- Harvesting and Produce Handling
- Environmental Protection
- Labor Conditions
- Control of Food Safety Hazards
- Traceability



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