

Florida FARM to SCHOOL



Good Agricultural Practices/Good Handling Practices Certification Program

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Division of Food, Nutrition and Wellness (FNW) understands that it can be difficult for small farms to work with schools without certain certifications. As a solution, FNW, as a part of the Farm to School initiative, has developed the Good Agricultural Practices/Good Handling Practices Certification Program.

INSTRUCTIONS:

STEP 1:

Submit application for the Good Agricultural Practices/Good Handling Practices (GAP/GHP) Certification Program, including letter from school(s)/school district(s), to the Division of Food, Nutrition and Wellness (FNW).

STEP 2:

Once approved by FNW, sign up for the Produce Safety Alliance Course at www.producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/training/grower-training-courses/upcoming-grower-trainings.
(Fee of \$125 will be paid by FNW).

STEP 3:

Applicant should begin reviewing the GAP/GHP Checklist to ensure they are prepared for the audit.

STEP 4:

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Division of Fruit and Vegetables will contact applicant to schedule an audit.

STEP 5:

Applicant will be contacted a few days before audit for final confirmation.

STEP 6:

Audit is performed.

STEP 7:

USDA will send applicant confirmation of approved audit.*

STEP 8:

Applicant begins working with intended school(s)/school districts(s). Department staff will assist applicant with reaching out to other school(s)/school district(s) as well.

**If audit is failed due to applicant being unprepared, applicant will be responsible for cost of the audit.*

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