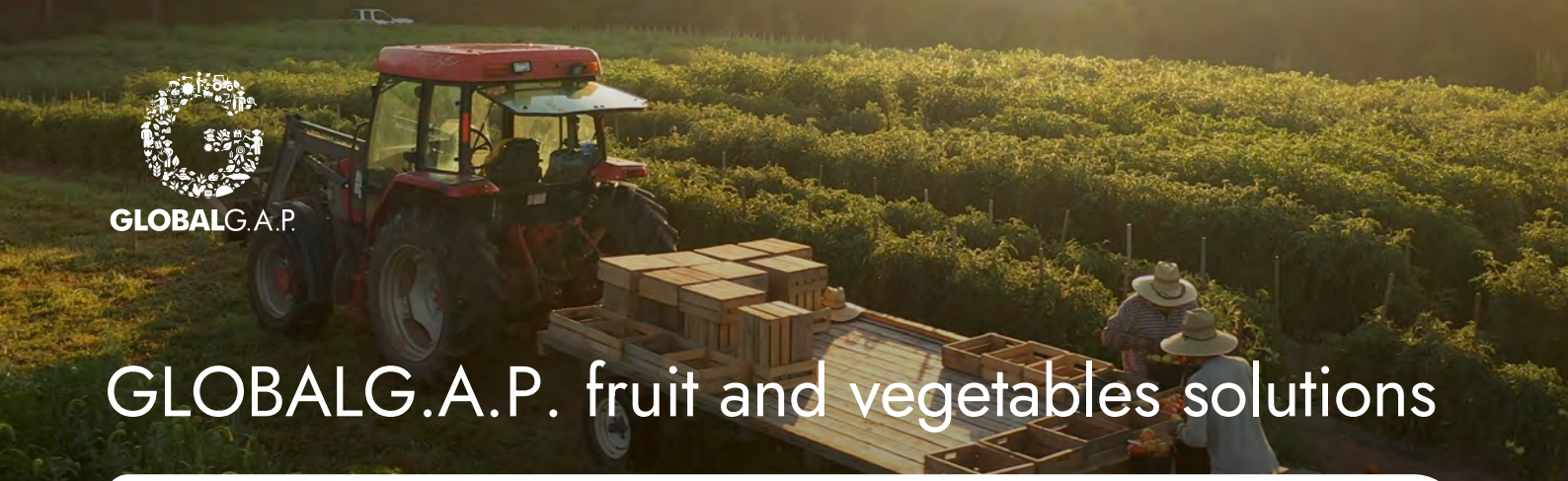

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GLOBALG.A.P. fruit and vegetables solutions

Primary solutions

Providing a basic level of assurance for emerging markets, our primary solutions offer a gateway to the GLOBALG.A.P. certification system.

PFA — Primary Farm Assurance (PFA)

Core solutions

GLOBALG.A.P. core solutions include **internationally recognized standards for primary production and the supply chain**. These standards usually result in a certificate that is widely recognized in global markets.

- IFA — Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) for fruit and vegetables
- HPSS — Harmonized Produce Safety Standard (HPSS)
- PHA — Produce Handling Assurance (PHA)
- COC — GLOBALG.A.P. Chain of Custody (CoC)

Add-ons to core solutions

Audited or assessed in combination with the IFA standard, our add-ons offer the ability to **expand the certification scope for tailored or more comprehensive assurance** on a specific topic.

- GRASP
- SPRING
- FSMA PSR Add-on
- BioDiversity
- IDA for plants add-on
- TR4 Biosecurity for Bananas Add-on

GGN label

Farms and businesses with GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes can further **demonstrate their commitment to responsible farming** by joining the GGN label initiative: A consumer label which makes responsible farming visible on store shelves.

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IFA for fruit and vegetables

About the standard

The Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) standard for fruit and vegetables **aims to promote safer and more responsible farming practices worldwide**. It covers all major aspects of primary production – from preharvest activities to postharvest handling – and is designed to help improve farm management, raise the efficiency of farm operations, protect environmental resources, and enable access to international markets. IFA is tried, tested, and trusted across the globe, with over **4.5 million hectares of fruit and vegetable production certified in more than 135 countries annually.**

IFA v6 GFS is recognized by the **Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI)** for Farming of Plants (BI) and Pre-process Handling of Plant Products (BIII).

Holistic approach

IFA for fruit and vegetables has been continuously developed over 20 years of extensive collaboration with sector stakeholders. It is built on a holistic approach that strives to address **five key topics***:

Food safety

Hygiene
Site management
Food defense
Food fraud
Laboratory testing

Environment

Biodiversity
Water management
Energy efficiency
Soil management
Integrated pest management
Waste management

Workers' health, safety, and welfare

Health and safety training
Personal protective equipment
Welfare

Production process

Plant protection products
Fertilizers and biostimulants
Plant propagation material
Equipment and devices

Legal, management and traceability

Internal documentation
Customer requirements
Mass balance
Traceability

Certification benefits

1. **Boost efficiency:** Improve farm management and performance, with an integrated continuous improvement plan to support the optimization of production processes.
2. **Market access:** Gain recognition for responsible agricultural practices and access key buyers, with IFA covering hundreds of products and all major types of production systems.
3. **Global standard:** Achieve compliance with a globally recognized standard that fulfills international supply chain requirements, including an edition with GFSI recognition.
4. **Flexible certification:** Choose your certification body (CB) and explore GLOBALG.A.P. add-on solutions and the consumer-facing GGN label.
5. **Trusted network:** Receive annual audits by accredited and independent third-party CBs, and rely on a standard tried, tested, and trusted by almost 200,000 producers.

For more information on GLOBALG.A.P. claims, please visit our **impact areas and claims webpage.*

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Add-ons to IFA for fruit and vegetables

GRASP

The GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment on Social Practice (GRASP) is an add-on for the **evaluation of workers' health, safety, and welfare** at farm level.

It helps producers identify and mitigate social risks through four major topics: Workers' voice, protection of children and young workers, human and labor rights information, and human and labor rights indicators.

Improve social risk management: Examine your risk exposure and identify corrective actions, raising your standing in the market.

Strengthen workers' rights: Develop a transparent working environment in accordance with International Labour Organization (ILO) conventions.

Comply with local regulations: Receive guidance on local social and labor compliance through national interpretation guidelines.

SPRING

The Sustainable Program for Irrigation and Groundwater Use (SPRING) add-on helps producers and supply chain stakeholders **demonstrate their commitment to more responsible on-farm water stewardship**.

It offers a practical, cost-effective way to address a range of topics such as water use and extraction rates, legal compliance and protection of water sources, and watershed management.

Enhance efficiency of water use: Apply practical steps for the optimization of water use and demonstrate their implementation.

Develop management plans: Implement effective management plans to identify and mitigate water risks at farm level.

Comply with legal requirements: Demonstrate compliance on land use, flow rates, water source identification, and more.

IDA

The Impact-Driven Approach to Sustainability (IDA) add-on enables plant producers to **collect input consumption data and environmental metrics** via farm management software (FMS).

This data can then be transformed into records that can track progress, guide optimization efforts, and demonstrate sustainability credentials.

Boost efficiency and profitability: Save time with digital records and increase awareness of your long-term results and market position.

Prepare for the future: Meet key buyer requirements and prepare for metric-based tools such as footprint calculations.

Apply data-driven decision making: Track your environmental performance and optimize resource use based on valuable data insights.

*View the full list of add-ons on our **GLOBALG.A.P. solutions webpage.***

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Five steps to certification

1 Download the standard documents

You will need the IFA principles and criteria for fruit and vegetables, and the checklist. You may also like to read the general regulations document "Rules for plants scope." You can find the documents for free and in multiple languages in the **GLOBALG.A.P. document center** on our website.

2 Implement the requirements

Use the IFA principles and criteria to guide the implementation of the standard requirements, and then conduct a self-assessment using the checklist.

3 Request a CB audit

Choose a CB from the **list of Agraya GmbH approved CBs**. To find a CB near you, use the "Product category" filter to select "Fruit and vegetables" and select your region. We recommend comparing offers from several CBs before requesting an audit.

4 Complete the CB audit

The CB auditor will conduct the audit. Any non-compliances which are detected must be corrected within the specified period and verified by the CB before a certificate can be issued.

5 Receive your GLOBALG.A.P. certificate

Your certificate is valid for one year, and producers must be re-audited annually to retain certification status. Your status will be publicly visible in the **GLOBALG.A.P. IT platform** for transparency in the market.

GGN label

The GGN label is a consumer label that stands for **certified, responsible farming and transparency**.

Found on fresh fruit and vegetables, potted fruit and vegetable plants, potted herbs, and cut/mixed/frozen fruit and vegetables, product packaging and/or labeling features a 13-digit identification number that allows consumers to **trace the origins of products via the GGN label portal.**

Learn more at:
ggn.org

Agriculture scope requirements

- Valid **IFA certificate** for fruit and vegetables at farm level
- Valid **letter of conformance for GRASP** at farm level
- Valid **GLOBALG.A.P. Chain of Custody (CoC) certificate** for supply chain members
- **GGN label license** for the business responsible for labeling the product