

GLOBALG.A.P. floriculture solutions



Primary solutions

Providing a basic level of assurance, our primary solutions offer a gateway to the GLOBALG.A.P. certification system. They are not combined with any other GLOBALG.A.P. standards or add-ons.



Impact-Driven Approach to Sustainability (IDA) module



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 for flowers and ornamentals



GLOBALG.A.P. Chain of Custody (CoC)



Add-ons to core solutions

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



GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment on Social Practice (GRASP)



Sustainable Program for Irrigation and Groundwater Use (SPRING)



Impact-Driven Approach to Sustainability (IDA) 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.





IFA for flowers and ornamentals

About the standard

The Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) standard for flowers and ornamentals **aims to promote safer and responsible farming practices worldwide**. It covers all stages of production, from preharvest activities such as soil management and water use to plant protection products and workers' health, safety, and welfare. IFA is designed

to help improve farm management, raise the efficiency of farm operations, protect environmental resources, and enable access to international markets. It is tried, tested, and trusted across the globe, with over **40,000 hectares of floriculture production certified in more than 45 countries annually**.



Floriculture
sustainability
initiative

IFA for flowers and ornamentals and the GLOBALG.A.P. Impact-Driven Approach to Sustainability (IDA) add-on fulfill the **FSI 2025 requirements for the GAP and environmental registration baskets**. IFA for flowers and ornamentals is the original reference standard in the FSI GAP basket.

Holistic approach

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



Environment

Nutrient pollution
(eutrophication)
Energy use
Water use
Ecotoxicity
Land use and biodiversity



Production process

Irrigation
Plant nutrition
Plant protection
Waste management



Legal, management and traceability

Internal documentation
Customer requirements
Mass balance
Traceability
Continuous improvement



Workers' health, safety, and welfare

Workers' health and safety
Personal protective equipment
Workers' welfare

Certification benefits

- 1 Boost efficiency:** Improve farm management and operational processes for better performance, with certification options for both individual producers and producer groups.
- 2 Market access:** Gain recognition for responsible floriculture practices and access key buyers, with IFA covering hundreds of products and all major types of production systems.
- 3 Global standard:** Meet international requirements for major retailers and auctions, including Royal FloraHolland (Dutch flower auction) and the FSI GAP basket.
- 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 2,500 producers in almost 50 countries.

*For more information on GLOBALG.A.P. claims, please visit [our impact areas and claims webpage](#).

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Find more information at
www.globalgap.org



Add-ons to IFA for flowers and ornamentals



IDA

The Impact-Driven Approach to Sustainability (IDA) add-on enables producers to **collect input consumption data and environmental metrics** via farm management software (FMS) and transform the information into **records that can track progress, guide optimization efforts, and demonstrate sustainability credentials**. IDA fulfills the FSI environmental registration basket criteria and is supported by member organizations such as the Dutch Flower Group and Royal FloraHolland.



Boost efficiency and profitability:

Save time with digital records and reduce costs with competitive pricing.



Gain market access:

Meet key buyer requirements such as FSI environmental registration and access new opportunities.



Apply data-driven decision making:

Track your environmental performance and optimize resource use based on data insights.



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, child and young workers' protection, 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.

Five steps to certification

1 Download the standard documents

You will need the IFA principles and criteria for flowers and ornamentals, 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 [Agraya GmbH approved CB list](#). To find a CB near you, select "Flowers and ornamentals" under the "Product category" filter 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 cut flowers, flower bouquets, flower bulbs, potted plants, and Christmas trees, 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

Floriculture scope requirements

- Valid **IFA certificate** for flowers and ornamentals 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

There is no additional fee for using the GGN label for producers with GLOBALG.A.P. IFA certification for flowers and ornamentals.