

Hi Tilth Members,

Want to access new markets with GAP requirements? Looking to move closer to FSMA compliance? Worried about poop on your product? Just don't know what to do with yourself now that the world is frozen? Participate in our GAP certification program starting late January. By the end of next September, you can be WSDA GAP/GHP certified.

Program participation includes both technical and financial assistance in a variety of areas including water testing and treatment. Here's how the program works:

- I. **Late January-March:** Food Safety Manual Working Sessions
 - a. Create a Food Safety Manual for your farm
 - b. 7, 2-hour sessions. Dates and times to be determined based on participants.
- II. **Late May:** Implementation and Mock Audit
 - a. During this time, you will need to start doing the things described in your Food Safety Manual. You will have about 6 weeks between the last working session the mock audit.
 - b. A retired WSDA auditor will identify any final touches required to prepare your farm for the real audit.
- III. **Late August-September:** WSDA GAP/GHP Audit
 - a. We will use collaborative scheduling to keep audit costs as low as possible. Some financial assistance is available for audit costs.

If you are interested in participating, or have any questions about how the program works or about food safety practices, contact:

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Hope to work with you in 2017.
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