



# USDA Webinar Invitation

## Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) 102 – Audit Preparation

**Thursday, January 22, 2015**  
**2 p.m. – 3 p.m. Eastern Time**

If you grow, pack, ship, or buy and sell fruits and vegetables, you won't want to miss this live, interactive discussion via webinar discussing Good Agricultural Practices - GAP!

- What are Good Agricultural Practices? Under U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidelines, these practices apply to the growing, packing, and handling of fruits and vegetables in the safest manner possible to minimize the risks of food-borne illnesses.
- GAP audits are important to farmers because many buyers, traders, and retailers require that their suppliers have a GAP certificate.
- The certificate verifies that a farm is following certain FDA food safety guidelines and industry-recognized food safety practices.

The discussion will cover a review of the GAP 101 webinar presented in March 2014, and then dive deeper into the GAP audit and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) on farms and in packing and processing facilities. If you wish to view the [March 2014 GAP 101](#) webinar online prior to January 22, you can view it online at <http://bit.ly/1wIP1mL>.

### Webinar Schedule

1. **Presentation:** USDA's Clara Rivera will discuss FDA's GAP and GMP practices and terminology. Ms. Rivera is with the Specialty Crops Inspection (SCI) Division of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.
2. **Question and Answer Session:** We have set additional time aside for you to ask questions related to your unique business challenges on implementing and maintaining your food safety program. If you prefer, you may submit your questions ahead of time to [Clara.Rivera@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Clara.Rivera@ams.usda.gov), and we will do our best to answer them during the webinar.

The webinar is free and available to anyone with Internet access. Registration is, however, required, and space is limited. To register, visit <http://tinyurl.com/GAP102Webinar>.

We will host additional webinars on more USDA programs and services throughout the year. Please look for those announcements. You can learn more about SCI on the [USDA Specialty Crops Inspection Division's](#) Web page (<http://go.usa.gov/HX5F>).

If you have any questions about the webinars or AMS, please contact Christopher Purdy at (202) 720-3209 or [christopher.purdy@ams.usda.gov](mailto:christopher.purdy@ams.usda.gov).

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