

Dear Prospective Participant,

Thank you for your interest in the GAPs Online Produce Safety Course. Below you will find a description of the course, course expectations, and a course outline. If you have any questions about any of this information, please contact me at eab38@cornell.edu or 315 787 2625. If after reading the information provided you would like to enroll, please complete the enrollment information and submit a \$50 payment for the course at www.ecornell.com/gaps.

About this course:

Implementing Good Agricultural Practices is a 3-week web-based course offered through the National GAPs Program. Most of the cost of the current section of the course is covered by a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture that also was used to develop the course content, so it will only cost you \$50 to participate. Once you enroll, we hope you will complete the course. The true cost of the course is approximately \$350. Class size is limited to 25 people. Please help us utilize these funds responsibly by completing the course once you register.

Time Commitment

Within the three weeks you are expected to:

- Complete a pre and post test
- Read all course materials
- Turn in 4 assignments for evaluation
- Complete 2 self-tests
- Contribute to the discussion boards.
- Complete an online exit survey

Most students spend 15 to 20 hours on this course, but depending on your knowledge, more or less time may be required. If this is more than you can manage at the moment, we hope that you will not take the course at this time, but sign up at a later date when you have the time to complete the program.

Here is the course outline so you can review the content areas.

Good Agricultural Practices Online Produce Safety Course Outline

Module One: Welcome to Implementing GAPs: A Key to Produce Safety

1.0.0 Module Home Page

1.1.0 About This Course

Module Two: Shared Responsibility in Food Safety

2.0.0 Module Home Page

2.1.0 Reasons for Engagement

2.2.0 Module Wrap-Up

Module Three: Good Agricultural Practices

3.0.0 Module Home Page

3.1.0 Worker Training, Hygiene, and Health

3.2.0 Water Use

3.3.0 Postharvest Water Use

3.4.0 Soil Amendments

3.5.0 Cleaning and Sanitation

3.6.0 Traceback and Recall

- 3.7.0 Crisis Management
- 3.8.0 Other Important Practices
- 3.9.0 Module Wrap-Up

Module Four: Implementing Change

- 4.0.0 Module Home Page
 - 4.1.0 Education and Training in Food Safety
 - 4.2.0 Building the Plan
 - 4.3.0 Module Wrap-Up

Module Five: Course Conclusion

- 5.0.0 Module Home Page
 - 5.1.0 Concluding Activities

Development of this course and its content has been a collaborative effort between professionals in government, academia, and industry, so we hope you enjoy the course and increase your produce food safety knowledge!

Sincerely,

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National GAPs Program Coordinator