

Preparing for CanadaGAP: webinar series

Are you a fresh fruit and vegetable business interested in, or already selling into, the retail, wholesale or food service markets? The **Preparing for CanadaGAP webinar series** will help you understand the process of applying for CanadaGAP and break down its requirements into clear steps. This series is being offered province-wide by Leduc County with the support of Kneehill County, Lac Ste. Anne County, Starland County and Parkland County.

Dates

- ▶ **Introductory session: week of Jan. 18 to 22, 2021 (1.5 hour session)**
- ▶ **Six weekly sessions: weeks Jan. 25 to March 5, 2021 (3 hours of session per week)**
- ▶ **Wrap-up session: week of March 8 to 12, 2021 (1.5 hour session)**

Costs and commitment

Registration is free; however, there is a significant time commitment required. The cost is your time and commitment to complete the sessions.

To register

Sign up by calling Leduc County Agricultural Services at **780-955-4593**, or emailing **sharon@leduc-county.com**. *Space is limited, please register early to retain your spot. The registration deadline is Jan. 11, 2021.*

Why CanadaGAP? Implementing CanadaGAP into your business provides assurance to retail and foodservice buyers. It will:

- ▶ **ensure you are meeting your customer requirements for safe food**
- ▶ **position your business to access new market channels**
- ▶ **increase the opportunity for financial success**

Businesses with CanadaGAP meet the preventive control plan requirements of the *Safe Food for Canadians Act and Regulations (SFCR)*.

About the webinar series

At this interactive workshop, you will learn how to:

- ▶ Break down the CanadaGAP requirements into easy-to-understand instructions.
- ▶ Identify the steps to prepare for your first certification audit.
- ▶ Manage the risks associated with fresh produce and increase your marketing capacity.
- ▶ Develop and implement standard operating procedures (SOPs).
- ▶ Explore why good record keeping is important.
- ▶ Merge program requirements with your existing record keeping system.

For more information, contact **Sharon Faye**, local food coordinator with Leduc County, at **780-955-4593** or **sharon@leduc-county.com**.

