

FARM NAME _____

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Title: **Policy Food Safety Training and Certification for Growers Bringing Product to an Off Site Packing Facility**

Effective Date: _____

Reviewed by: _____ GAP Coordinator, Date: _____

1. In order to sell product through this facility, all growers must have participated in either an 8-12 hour basic GAP/ Food Safety Training Class or equivalent.
2. "One-on-One" training with a qualified trainer- one who has a specialty in food safety or has participated in "Train the Trainer" programming targeting GAP/ Food Safety will be accepted in lieu of requirement No.1 .
3. This training does not negate the need for GAP Certification by a third party auditor. All growers are encouraged to seek certification as soon as possible after training.
4. Incoming product from GAP/Food Safety trained growers will be accepted at the packing facility if it has been handled and delivered according to guidelines in accordance with GAP/ Food Safety.
5. All non-certified product will be packed at the packing facility. No pre-packed product will be accepted from non-GAP certified growers. The facility charges for packaging supplies and services (commissions are adjusted).
6. The packing facility will include a "kill step" when washing and packing all produce coming from GAP trained growers. The facility charges for this service (commissions are adjusted).
7. Once a grower has completed GAP certification by a third party auditor, product will be accepted by the facility for cooling and transport.
8. Any grower who breaches their responsibility related to GAP/ Food Safety for fresh produce will not be allowed to sell product through this facility.