

GAPs for Growers Workshop

Expo Center of New Hampshire Radisson Hotel

Dec 14th, 2009, Manchester NH

On Monday afternoon, December 14, a special workshop will be held from 1pm-5:30pm, prior to the New England Vegetable and Fruit Conference, which starts the next morning. (See: www.newenglandvfc.org)

This training will provide an introduction to the USDA Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) program. GAP certification is verification of practices on the farm to minimize microbial contamination in the production of fresh fruits and vegetables, and it is now required by some wholesale buyers.

In this training, you will learn about the USDA third-party audit process and how to prepare a farm GAP plan. You will also receive a manual filled with GAP resources and a CD loaded with templates that will be useful in helping you keep the records you need to verify your GAP plan.

Registration for the GAP workshop is separate from registration for the conference. There will be a registration fee for each set of educational materials needed; participants that do not need educational materials will be able to register at a reduced rate.

To register or for additional information, please contact Shirley Mietlicki-Floyd at 413-545-4420 or mietlicki@umext.umass.edu. For questions regarding the program, contact Rich Bonanno at 978-361-5650 or rbonanno@umext.umass.edu or Becky Grube at 603-862-3203 or becky.grube@unh.edu.