



# GLOBALGAP. IFA Certification Overview

# Hello!

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# IFA – Integrated Farm Assurance

Good Agricultural Practices  
for agriculture, aquaculture,  
livestock and horticulture  
production



# A Steady Growth for Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) Version 5



More than  
**190,000 certified  
producers**  
in over **124  
countries**

# Integrated Farm Assurance

## A Modular Approach



- Control Points and Compliance Criteria (CPCC)
- Scopes: All Farm Base, Crops Base, Livestock Base, Aquaculture Base Modules

# IFA Crops Subscopes



## **Fruit & Vegetable**

Covers fresh, cooked, or processed fruit and vegetables.

## **Hops**

Was developed with the Hops Growers of America (HGA) to specifically address the unique needs for hops growers.

## **Combinable Crops**

Covers extensive crops that will be cooked or processed for consumption.

# IFA Crops Subscopes



**Flowers &  
Ornamentals**

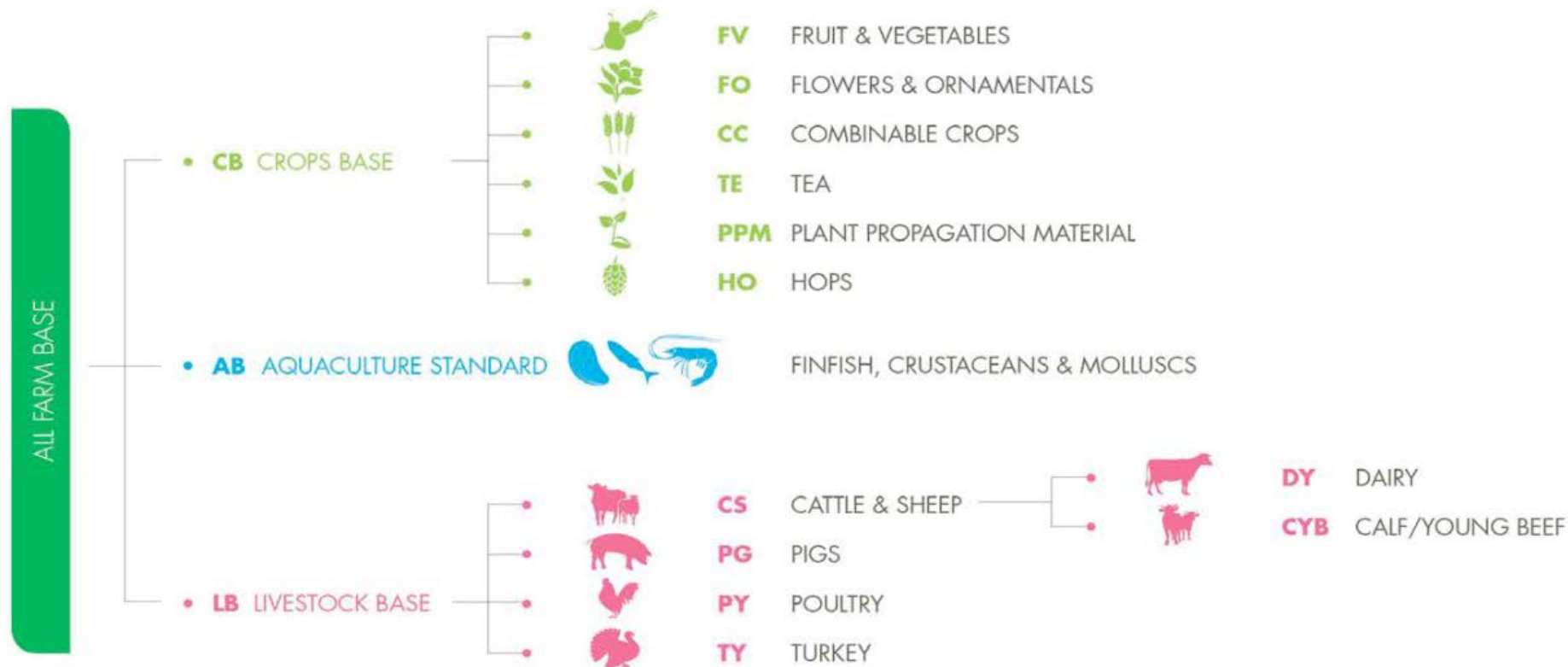
**Plant Propagation  
Material**

Best practices for  
nurseries.

**Tea**



# A MODULAR APPROACH TO INTEGRATED FARM ASSURANCE (IFA)







# GLOBALGAP. Products

Sub-scopes cover over 900 different products.



# Definition of Producer

A person (individual) or business (company, individual producer or producer group) that are:

- **legally responsible for the production processes**
- **and the products of the respective scope, sold by those persons or businesses**

# Option 1 Producer

## Option 1: Individual certification

- Individual producer applies for GLOBALG.A.P. certification.
- The individual producer will be the certificate holder once certified.

## Option 1 – Multi-site without implementation of a QMS

- Individual producer or one organization owns several production sites that do not function as separate legal entities.

## Option 1 – Multi-site with implementation of a QMS

- Individual producer or one organization owns several production sites that do not function as separate legal entities, but where a QMS has been implemented.
- **General Regulations Part II – QMS rules apply.**



Producer  
(Option 1)



Production site of  
one producer



Multisite  
(Option 1)

# Option 2 Producer Group

## Option 2: Producer group

- A **producer group** applies for GLOBALG.A.P. group certification.
- The **group will be the certificate holder** once certified.
- QMS must be implemented = **General Regulations Part II – QMS rules** apply.



Producer group  
(Option 2)

## Benchmarked schemes

The categories for certification under benchmarked schemes Option 3 and 4 are explained in the GLOBALG.A.P. Benchmarking Regulations.



# Production Sites

- A production area (e.g. fields, plots, ponds, ranches) that is owned or rented and ultimately managed by one legal entity, and where the same input factors (e.g. water supply, workers, equipment, stores, etc.) are used.
- One site may contain several non-touching areas (areas that do not share a common border, are non-contiguous) and production of more than one product on the same site is possible.

# Certification Scheme Documents

GLOBALG.A.P. > Documents

## How to Use the Document Center

The document center comes with a pre-selection by default (Standard documents for IFA Fruit and Vegetables).

To search for a specific document:

Enter a search term in the "Search" field e.g. "product list". Please note that all words that you enter must contain at least 3 letters, so do not enter prepositions like "of"!


To show all categories and documents, click on "Reset selection".


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### Standard

GLOBALG.A.P.

☒ Integrated Farm Assurance  
(IFA) VS (9)

Display 25 records			
Document Name	Type	Version	Published
All Farm Base, Crops Base, Fruit and Vegetables	Checklists	V5.1	Jul 3, 2017
English XLSX 242 KB			

- General Regulations Part 1 – General Requirements
- General Regulations Part 2 – Quality Management Systems Rules
- Crop Rules
- IFA Checklist
- IFA Control Points and Compliance Criteria

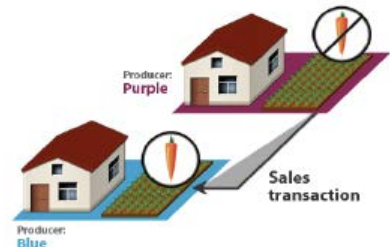
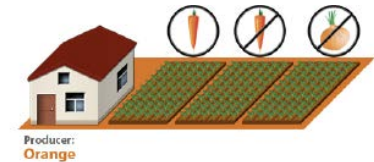
# Scope of Certification

Harvest

Produce Handling

Parallel Production

Parallel Ownership







## Preparing for Certification

After signing an certification agreement with PJRFSI. We will register you on the GLOBALG.A.P. Database and you will receive your GGN.

For initial certification you must have at least 3 months of records for review.

Complete an self-assessment or internal inspection/audit



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# Assessment Process

Inspectors carry out inspection to Option 1 producers or Option 2 Producer Group members.

Auditors carry out audits to the Quality Management System of the Option 2 Producer Group.

**Complete checklist of the applicable scope and sub-scope** (Major and Minor Musts and Recommendations).

The inspection shall cover:

- All accepted **products and production processes**
- All registered **production sites**
- Each registered **product handling facility**

# Inspection Timing

Initial Certification – inspector must witness harvest and produce handling.

Crops may be grouped by mechanical harvest, manual harvest of low risk products, manual harvest of high risk products, harvest by water or ice and/or packing in field.





# Crop Grouping



Example: A visit during apple harvesting is not required when apples are being added to a certification scope that already includes pears. However, the apples can only be added to the certificate once all control points applicable to them have been verified. However, adding spinach to the certification scope would require an assessment during the spinach harvesting period.



# Subsequent Inspections

- The inspection shall be carried out at a time when **relevant agronomic activities** and/or **handling** (but not only storage) are being carried out.
- Inspection timing shall allow the PJRFSI to gain assurance that all registered crops, even if not present at the time of inspection, are handled in compliance with the certification requirements.
- Inspections **off-season** or when farming activities are minimal **shall be avoided**.





# Produce Handling

If **PRODUCE HANDLING IS INCLUDED** in the certification scope, the produce handling facility/facilities shall be **inspected annually**.

This inspection shall be carried out **while in operation**.





# Certification Requirements

To obtain GLOBALG.A.P. Certification the following are required:

- ✓ **Major Musts:** 100 percent compliance of all applicable Major Must and QMS control points is compulsory.
- ✓ **Minor Musts:** 95 percent compliance of all applicable Minor Must control points.
- ✓ **Recommendations:** No minimum percentage of compliance.
- ✓ Producer complies with the agreements signed (GLOBALG.A.P. sublicense agreement and CB service agreement in their current version) and with the requirements defined in the General Regulations in their current version.





## Corrective Action for Initial Certification

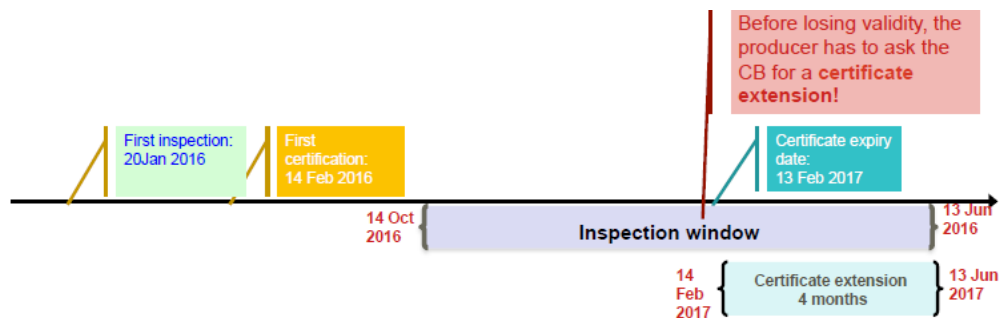
3 months from the last day of the inspection

## Corrective Action for Recertification

Due within 28 days from the last day of the inspection

# GLOBALGAP CERTIFICATE

- A certificate cycle is 12 months subject to any sanctions or extension in accordance with the scope described.



# GLOBALG.A.P. DATABASE

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Search > **Search**

There are several options to search in the GLOBALG.A.P. Database. Please note that search results depend on your complete search input and on your data access. For example more information is available for [market participants](#).

## Search #1 - Identify producer via unique codes

You may enter either a GGN, LGN, CoC Number, CB registration ID, GLOBALG.A.P. certification number, GLN or Sub-GLN registered in the GLOBALG.A.P. database

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## Search #2 - Browse the GLOBALG.A.P. database for producers via producer name and location

Please note that search results vary according to your assigned role and the access right setting of the respective producers

Name\*  \*\*Mandatory for Search #2

Country  Federal State  City  ZIP

## Search #3 - Browse the GLOBALG.A.P. Database for producers according to scheme requirements

Please note that drop-down menus vary according to your assigned role

Country\*  Product\*  \*\*Mandatory for Search #3, select Country to enable Product drop-down menu

Scheme  Option

Scope  Subscope  Company Type

## Filter certification validity

Filter results based on time left until the certificate expires

Show only certificates  
expiring within

[Start query](#) [Reset query](#) [Refresh](#)

# Thanks!

ANY QUESTIONS?

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