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GLOBALG.A.P. Certification

GLOBALG.A.P. offers one core product: [GLOBALG.A.P. Certification](https://www.globalgap.org) ([GLOBALG.A.P. \(globalgap.org\)](https://www.globalgap.org)), available for 3 scopes of production: **Crops**, Livestock, Aquaculture and consisting of a total of more than 40 standards.

IFA Plants Certification

The **IFA plants scope** covers hundreds of products and all types of production systems in the product categories ([Plants \(globalgap.org\)](https://www.globalgap.org)): **Fruit and vegetables**; flowers and ornamentals; combinable crops; tea; hops; plant propagation material.

The standard defines clear criteria for responsible farming practices in primary production, from preharvest activities through to postharvest handling. Producers can be certified for multiple

product categories under the IFA plants scope in one certificate, and certification options are available for all sizes and types of farms, including smallholders.

IFA for Fruit and Vegetables

The IFA standard for fruit and vegetables ([Fruit & Vegetables \(globalgap.org\)](https://www.globalgap.org)) is a global standard for responsible farming practices at primary production level, covering preharvest activities such as soil management and plant protection product application, to basic postharvest handling. GLOBALG.A.P. standards for fruit and vegetables have been operational for over 20 years and are developed through extensive collaboration with stakeholders throughout the sector. IFA is aligned with the United Nations Global Compact Food and Agribusiness Principles and the Sustainable Development Goals.

IFA v6 for fruit and vegetables ([220512 Presentation IFA v6 FV en \(globalgap.org\)](https://www.globalgap.org)) at a glance

- Adopts a holistic approach that covers food safety, environmental sustainability and biodiversity, workers' well-being, production processes, and traceability
- Supports increased efficiency and improved management of farm operations
- Provides clarity on market requirements and acts as a practical manual for on-farm activities
- Enables producers to demonstrate responsible farming practices and buyers to easily identify production that fulfills their requirements
- Implements a farm-level continuous improvement plan that helps producers to analyze and enhance their operations
- Features rigorous sustainability criteria on biodiversity, water, plastics, pest management, and more
- Certification options for both individual producers and producer groups
- Available for every type and size of farm, including smallholders
- Covers hundreds of products and all types of production systems, from covered and noncovered production to hydroponics
- Opens the door to a range of GLOBALG.A.P. add-ons and supply chain solutions
- Audited annually by accredited and independent third-party certification bodies, resulting in a certificate valid for one year

IFA for fruit and vegetables is currently available in three versions. Click here ([HEADLINE \(globalgapsolutions.org\)](https://www.globalgapsolutions.org)) to find out which version is applicable to the needs.