



GLOBALG.A.P.

GLOBALG.A.P. as worldwide standard

The Global Partnership for Safe
and Sustainable Agriculture





GLOBALG.A.P. as worldwide standard -introduction

- **Chairman**
- **Farmer**, producer of apples and pears for more than 30 years.
- **Cooperative** fruit and vegetable Belorta
- **VBT** Union of Belgian horticultural cooperatives



GLOBALG.A.P. as worldwide standard - topics

- What is GLOBALG.A.P.
- Version 6
- Green deal – Farm to Fork
- Belgian farmers, cooperatives and future challenges



G.A.P. STANDS FOR

GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

AND GLOBALG.A.P. IS THE **WORLDWIDE
STANDARD** THAT ASSURES THEM.





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Our Vision

A world in which farms are **recognized** for their efforts to **produce enough safe food** while **safeguarding our environment** and the **welfare of farming communities.**



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Our Mission

collaborate with supply chain stakeholders to **foster the global adoption** of safe, socially and environmentally responsible farming practices by providing **cost-effective assurance** and benchmarking solutions



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We add value to production and selling of farmed products

- **Assurance outsourced**
- **Entry level**
- **Visibility : GGN.org label**



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Safe, sustainable, and responsible
farming practices worldwide.



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40+ Standards
and Programs
600 + products



204,000+ Producers
under Certification



136+
Countries



GLOBALG.A.P. CERTIFICATION

13 Reasons for GLOBALG.A.P. Certification



1. **Reduce your exposure to food safety and product safety reputational risks**
2. **Gain access to local and global markets, suppliers, and retailers**
3. **Improve the efficiency of your farm management**
4. **Save costs** by reducing the number of on-farm audits/inspections



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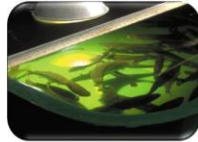
5. Comply with legislation on food safety, environmental protection, and workers' health and safety with an **easy-to-implement HACCP system**
6. **Benefit from global recognition** with adaptation to local conditions through GLOBALG.A.P.'s network of 45 national technical working groups.
7. Choose from 160 accredited certification bodies that all meet the **highest integrity requirements**





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FINFISH, CRUSTACEANS
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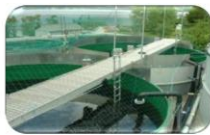
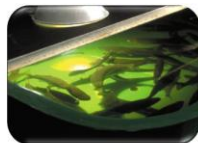


8. Access all the **standard documents online, free of charge**, and in multiple languages
9. Secure access to financing and capital markets, and **benefit from connecting to innovative supply chain solutions**
10. **Shape the continuing development** of our standards through public consultation



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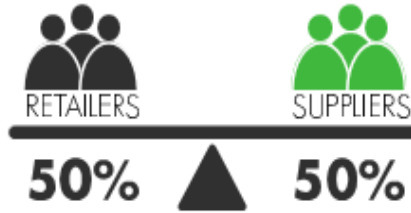
11. Demonstrate compliance with the **United Nations Global Compact Food and Agribusiness Principles**

12. **Benchmark** yourself as part of the world's most widespread farm assurance standard

13. It's **designed for you – retailers, manufacturers, and producers** with G.A.P. expertise **worked together to create it**



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GLOBALG.A.P. governed by
an **elected Board**
and
committees



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a structure that allows us to find

a good balance, a good compromise between
the ambitions of large-scale distribution and

technical and economic workability in terms of **production**



FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS of GLOBALG.A.P. IFA STANDARDS

Revision Process for Version 6





Revision Process for Version 6

- Technical committees
- National technical working groups
- **Focus group sustainability**
- World Consultation Tours
 - **1.000 + contacts/ inputs**
- three public consultation rounds
- field trials
- Board adopting new version 2022
- **Mandatory 2023**





Version 6 and EU Green Deal / Farm to Fork strategy

- **Ambitions 2030 F2F on farm side**
- reduction by 50% of chemical pesticides
- reduce the use of fertilizers by at least 20%
- reduction by 50% of the sales of antimicrobials for farmed animals and in aquaculture
- reaching 25% of agricultural land under organic farming by 2030



Belgian farmers, cooperatives and future challenges

Will the farmers/cooperatives be able to adapt to the new requirements?

Yes we can.....**but**... there is a cost



EU Green Deal and Farm to Fork strategy –cooperative concerns

- We shares the F2F Strategy's objectives, which it **is already pursuing since decades** :environmental commitments e.g. **IPM**, use of plant protection products with low toxicological profiles, environmentally friendly practices,
- The issue of social - environmental sustainability must be combined with **the economic sustainability and competitiveness of European producers**, considering the economic reality in which they operate i.e. global market.



EU Green Deal and Farm to Fork strategy – cooperative position

- The risk of an “**ecological leakage**” with the **delocalization** of our production into countries with less ecological burden and low demands on sustainability.
- The Strategy **is too much focused on “Farm” and not enough on “Fork”** (Industry, Retailers, Consumers).
- Quantified objectives for farms



EU Green Deal and Farm to Fork strategy – cooperative position

- The objective of “50% reduction by 2030 for PPP” could **compromise the availability** of certain fruit and vegetable crops.
- Finding alternative protection method is a very **slow process**. New methods still lack often capacity and efficiency to control pests. It is necessary to strengthen **the role of research and innovation**
- it's important to highlight that **organic is not the only sustainable production method** : e.g. IPM , biological control, international schemes.



EU Green Deal and Farm to Fork strategy – cooperative position

- the consumer may be unwilling (or unable) to repay the **extra cost due to a more sustainable production**
- **Financial incentives and costs covering** for the adoption of national and **international sustainability certification schemes** (e.g. IPM-based and voluntary).
- The low competitiveness, will be even more pressing if **the imported products** will not be subject to the same sustainability requirements → counter the imports from Third Countries that do not respect the same sustainability and safety requirements, ensuring the plant health protection.



EU Green Deal and Farm to Fork strategy – cooperative position

- Incentives for healthier and more sustainable products, **not limited to organic only** but to all F&V.
- F&V sector (fruit trees) included in EU system to "reward practices that remove **CO2**".
- Setting up collecting data systems to deliver reliable figures and data necessary to guide the EU and National authorities' decisions.
- sine qua non: **affordable, realistic and fair conditions**



Farm to Fork strategy – V6

How the GLOBALG.A.P. standard helps to achieve the new legislation?

- Lots of ambitions already in GLOBALG.A.P. standard: **IPM**, controlled use of **plant protection products**, registration of **fertilizer use**, environmentally friendly practices mandatory
- **Focus group sustainability**



Expectations from GLOBALG.A.P. new version 6

Simplification

- no duplications,
- clear control points
- accurate compliance criteria

Risk-based approach

- implementation of requirements dependent upon risk assessments,
- considering local producers' environment

Customized checklist

- checklist adjusted for individual producer
- leading questions related to farm characteristics



Benefits for cooperative farmers with GLOBALG.A.P. implementation

Market access

- Member since beginning in 1997
- Focus on european retail
- Mandatory for all farmers **also organic** in the perspective of proper quality standards and labels; example is Flandria
- GRASP
- recognition by food safety authorities as being low risk



Benefits for cooperative farmers with GLOBALG.A.P. implementation

Option 2: group certification

- support in the certification process
 - understanding the GLOBALG.A.P. standard, implementing the requirements, in preparing the audit/inspection, and in follow-up of non-compliances

Through National Technical Working Groups

- National Interpretation Guidelines are elaborated – translating and/or transposing the ‘general’ GLOBALG.A.P. control points into ‘local’ circumstances (considering as well the local legal framework, as the local growing conditions and farms’ structures)

Chain of Custody

key challenge for the near future



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