

# Food Safety Auditors

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## INTRODUCTION

Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) is a series of on-farm practices designed to minimize the risk of food contamination, maintain a clear record of how food was produced, handled and stored; and ensure people buying produce that it is coming from a clean, well-managed environment. The application of the practices on a farm may be verified by third party audits, depending on the policies of the customer. (Adapted from Wholesale Success: A Farmer's Guide to Selling, Postharvest Handling and Packing Produce, published by FamilyFarmed.org; and USDA Fresh Audit Verification Program).

For more information about GAP, please visit the national GAPsNET site at <http://www.gaps.cornell.edu/>.

Producers who are preparing for a GAP audit can receive assistance from one of the following Michigan State University Extension Educators. Contact the person in your area to discuss your needs:

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<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT INFO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SERVICES OFFERED</u> (Ag/Food Safety Only)	<u>COST</u>
AIB International	1213 Bakers Way PO Box 3999 Manhattan, KS 66505	E-mail (for agricultural audits): <a href="mailto:bernst@aibonline.org">bernst@aibonline.org</a> Phones: Phone: 800-633-5137 Fax: 785-537-1493  Website: <a href="https://www.aibonline.org/">https://www.aibonline.org/</a>	Qualified to conduct certification audits for GFSI (BRC Global and SQF)	<u>Agricultural Audits</u> – validates food safety program for retailers, strengthen GAP and food safety on ranch/farm evaluates programs and processes	Contact the AIB office for an estimate of audit costs and other services
NSF Davis Fresh	NSF Davis Fresh 195 Aviation Way, Suite 101 Watsonville, CA 95076	Email: <a href="mailto:solutions@nsfdavisfresh.org">solutions@nsfdavisfresh.org</a> Telephone: 831-768-7951 Fax: 831-768-7921 Website: <a href="http://www.nsf.org/">http://www.nsf.org/</a> or <a href="http://www.nsf.org/business/nsf_davis_fresh/index.asp?program=DavisFresh">http://www.nsf.org/business/nsf_davis_fresh/index.asp?program=DavisFre</a>	Provider of food safety solutions for the produce industry, including growers, shippers, processors, distributors, and retailers across the country and around the world. Delivers field evaluations, laboratory testing, consulting, and training so to supply customers with the safe, consistent produce. Provides its customers with audit templates, updates to criteria, user-friendly information, and enhanced reporting.	<u>Davis Fresh</u> – GAP certification. Field evaluations, lab testing, consulting and training. <u>GFSI Certification</u> - NSF Davis Fresh is recognized provider of third-party audits with expertise in BRC, SQF, and GlobalGAP. <u>Organic Food Certification</u> – certifies to NOP standards.	Contact the Davis Fresh office for an estimate of audit costs and other services.
Primus Labs	2810 Industrial Parkway Santa Maria, CA 93455	E-mail (for field audits scheduling): Go to <a href="http://www.primuslabs.com/cus/">www.primuslabs.com/cus/</a> Phone: 800-779-1156 Fax: 805-922-2462	Provides GAP audits designed to provide buyers and sellers an effective supply chain review of their safety and/or quality programs, including BRC and GLOBALGAP.	Third party verification for the client's safe food production program. Primuslabs.com auditors conduct the following audits: ranch audits, harvest crew audits, cooling/cold storage audits, packing house audits, processing facility audits, and greenhouse audits. These audits cover industry established guidelines for Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP). HACCP modules can be requested for Packinghouse and processing audits. <u>Organic Food Certification</u> – certifies to NOP standards.	Contact the PrimusLabs office for estimate of audit costs and other services..

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