

RED GROUP

# Best way to organize GAPs Guide

Organize the GAPs Guide in chronological order to be understandable for the user

Crop Production

Harvest

Packing Facility

Transportation

Traceability

# What is missing from GAPs Guide

## Add

- Greenhouse operations

increasing in use

- Records

guidance on the value of records, without  
requiring records across the board

what makes a good record

completed at time of observation

take advantage of existing examples

# Are there operations at which GAPS are not necessary?

All growers should follow GAPs

Risk Assessment – Food Safety Program

Should consider at a minimum:

Worker Health & Hygiene

Soil

Water

Transportation

Complexity and commodity/conditions will drive  
what this looks like (details, written)

Consumers do not make a distinction

# Enhancements to GAPs Guide

Provide list of resources for growers to know where they can go for assistance

Cooperative Extension

Commodity Groups

National GAPs Program

USDA

# Enhancements to GAPs Guide

What would be helpful:

examples

templates

decision trees

Help grower understand what this means for their operation.

# Enhancements for GAPs Guide

Education and outreach activities

tools useful for growers

how to write a food safety plan

specific to grower's operation

GAPs Guide needs to stay broad

Additional programs outside the GAPs Guide are likely to provide criteria for higher risk commodities

# Commodity Specific Guidance

commodity

practices

conditions

# Scientific Data

Need more scientific data – research to answer questions

Top 4 data gaps:

Survival & growth rate of pathogens on different

What is the capability of transfer of pathogens from environment (wind, water)

How much makes you sick

What is the risk factor for deer

# Sharing of Data

Concerns about sharing data

false positives

what is meaningful

what is actionable

do you tell

what are the answers

# Sharing of Data

Incentives that would encourage data sharing

liability concerns

specific instructions how to sample

blinding data

provide data with a 6 month lag time

so to protect fields still in production