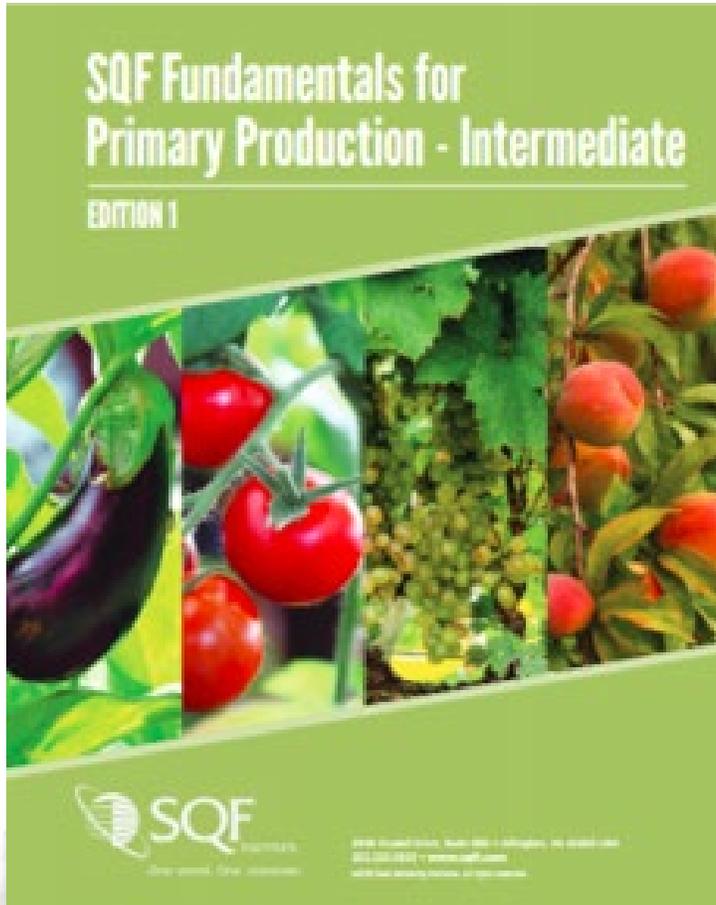




Local Food Safety
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Which GAPs/3rd Party Audit is it?



Produce GAPs Harmonized Food
Safety Standard
Post-Harvest Operations – USDA
Checklist





We're going to cover two of the many
3rd party audits . . .

- Harmonized GAP
- Primus v 3.0/3.1



Harmonized GAP (HGAP)

- Water testing shall be part of the water management plan, as directed by the water risk assessment and current industry standards or prevailing regulations for the commodities being grown.



Carolina Farm Stewardship Association's “A Farmer’s Handbook to the USDA Harmonized GAP Standard”



GROWER GUIDANCE

The standard does not specifically dictate the target organism that your production water should be tested for; the acceptable limits for any target organism; or the frequency of testing. You must make these decisions based on your water risk assessment, and any regulatory requirements applicable to your farm. For outdoor production systems, generic *E. coli* testing, with results reported with a numeric count, not merely presence/absence, is likely the best target organism to measure.



PRIMUS

- For farm and indoor agriculture operations, one sample per water source is collected and tested prior to use if >60 days since the last test of the water source. Additional samples are taken at least monthly during use of the water source.



PRIMUS continued



- A less frequent testing is acceptable if supported by a valid documented risk assessment although there should be at least one water test per season. Where there are more stringent federal, national or local requirements, these requirements should be followed.



PRIMUS Risk Assessment



Include at a minimum

- the water source
- method of application
- reference or evidence to the microbial historical data of the water source
- vulnerability to contamination.

