

GLOBALGAP Fruit and Vegetables

What is the significance of *GLOBALGAP Fruit and Vegetables* for producers?

GLOBALGAP ("G.A.P" stands for "Good Agricultural Practice") aims at making the production, processing and trade in agricultural commodities worldwide more transparent in order to prevent food safety risks as far as possible. The *GLOBALGAP Fruit and Vegetables* Standard is based on criteria in the areas of food safety, reduction of the use of plant protection products, environmental protection, and workplace health and safety on farms.

Compared to the 'environmental performance record' (Ökologischer Leistungsnachweis, ÖLN) and the Bio Suisse Standards, GLOBALGAP requires more detailed documentation with regard to plant protection products, fertilizer use etc. Risk analyses are carried out in the areas of hygiene, harvest, and transport in order to reduce potential hazards. Many additional steps in the work process have to be recorded.

In December 2005 bio.inspecta obtained accreditation to carry out GLOBALGAP inspection and certification (independently until 2009 and since then in partnership with Austrian certification body AgroVet GmbH). Customers interested in GLOBALGAP certification can apply to bio.inspecta. We would be happy to combine the GLOBALGAP inspection with other inspections on your holding.



GLOBALGAP inspection on a holding engaged in market gardening.

GLOBALGAP Inspection

The GLOBALGAP inspection is carried out annually. During the inspection, 3 checklists containing a total of 24 modules are completed on the holding. However, not all the control points are relevant to all holding types (e.g. post-harvest treatment) which means that the number of applicable control points for the individual holding may be reduced. Prior to the inspection every holding must perform and document a self-assessment.

Control points are divided into **three levels**:

Major Musts	100% compliance of all applicable Major Must control points is compulsory. Failure to comply with any one of these criteria results in the holding not qualifying for GLOBALGAP certification.
Minor Musts	95% compliance of all applicable Minor Must control points is compulsory (non-compliance with one out of 20 control points is acceptable).
Recommendations	These are optional but will be assessed during the inspection.

Organic farmers benefit

A number of the control points contained in the GLOBALGAP checklist are not relevant to organic farmers as they are fulfilled due to the very nature of organic farming methods.

Where can you find further information on GLOBALGAP Fruit and Vegetables?

All the documents relevant to the GLOBALGAP inspection can be found at www.globalgap.org:

- **GLOBALGAP Checklist (3 parts): Checklist All Farm Base, Checklist Crops Base, Checklist Fruit and Vegetables**
- **GLOBALGAP Control Points and Compliance Criteria**
(Explanation and interpretation of the GLOBALGAP checklists)
- **General Regulations**
(Description of the certification process for the *GLOBALGAP Fruit and Vegetables* Standard)

The above documents can also be ordered from bio.inspecta at a cost of CHF 40.- .

Cost of GLOBALGAP Inspection and Certification

We would be pleased to give you a quotation for your individual holding.

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