

Overview of the Philippine Good Agricultural Practices (PhilGAP) Certification Program

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I. Understanding GAP

Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) refers to the practices that address environmental, economic and social sustainability for on-farm processes, and which result in safe and quality food and non-food agricultural products (RA 10611).



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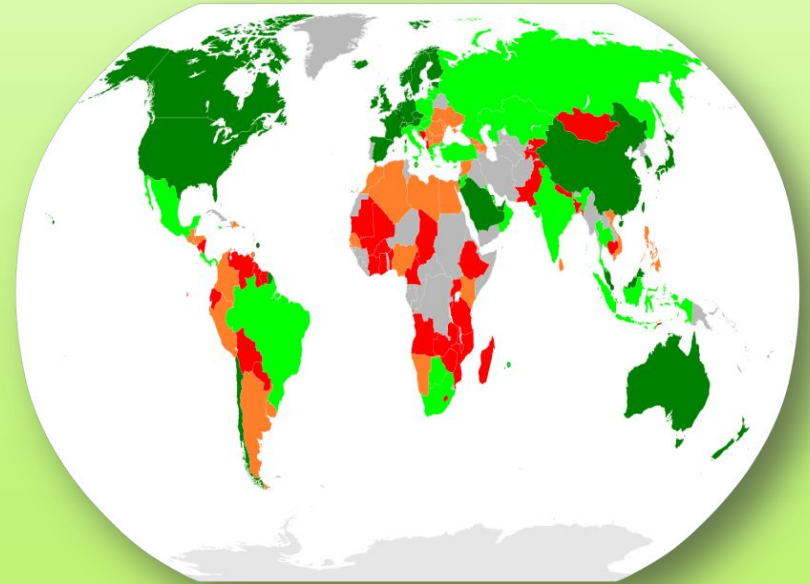
Why do we need GAP?

- ❑ Language of trade – Food Safety Assurance
- ❑ Ensure sustainability of farmers practices
- ❑ Competitive edge
- ❑ Market access

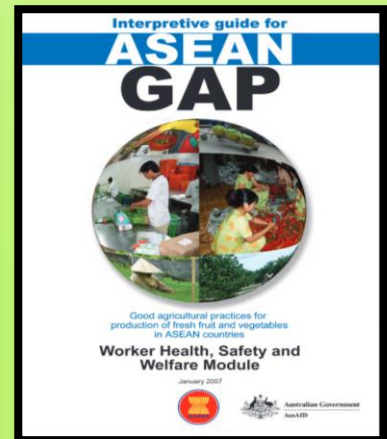
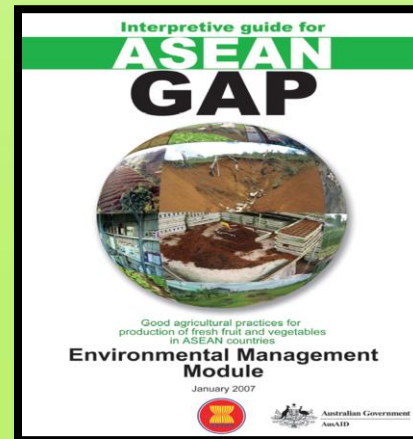
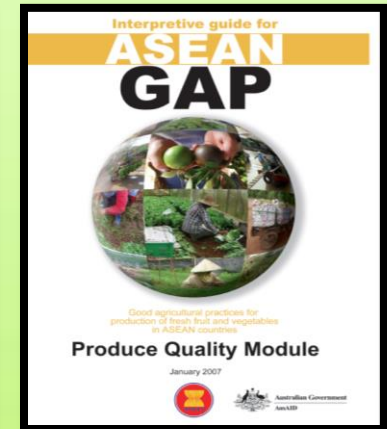
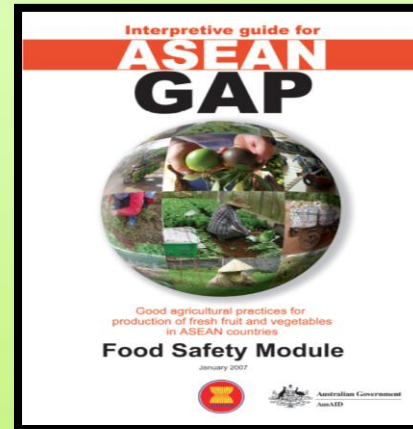
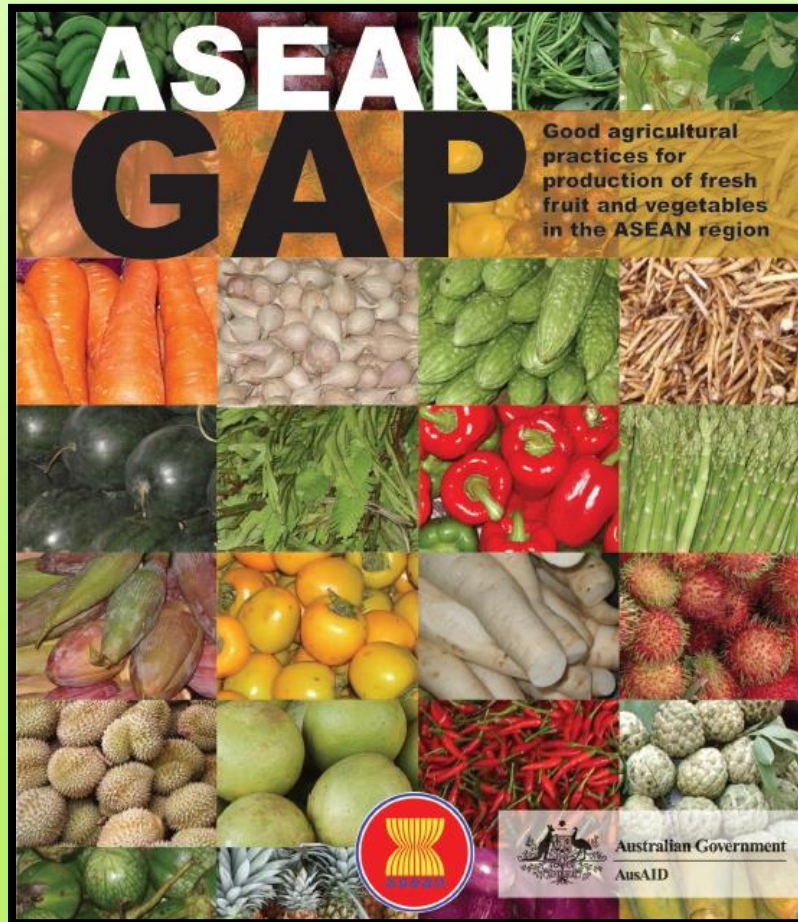


GAP Programs

- ☐ **FAO GAP**
- ☐ **EUREP/Global GAP**
- ☐ **USDA GAP**
- ☐ **Australian GAP**
- ☐ **Japan GAP**
- ☐ **ASEAN GAP**



ASEAN GAP



ASEAN GAP Implementation

ASEANGAP outcome of Quality Assurance Systems for ASEAN Fruits and Vegetables (QASAFV) Project, 2004 implemented during phase III of the ASEAN – Australia Economic Cooperation Programme (AAECP)

Strategic Priority Action 1. Implementation of National GAP Programmes in AMSs

Strategic Priority Action 2. Development of ASEAN GAP certification system

Strategic Priority Action 3. Strengthening the Alignment of National GAP with ASEAN GAP

Strategic Priority Action 4. Awareness of ASEAN GAP for private sector, CSOs and NGOs



Source: <https://www.google.com.ph/search?q=GAP+IN+ASEAN+COUNTRIES>

ASEAN GAP

Modules

Food safety



Produce quality



Environmental
management



Worker health,
safety, welfare



PHILIPPINE GAP ELEMENTS

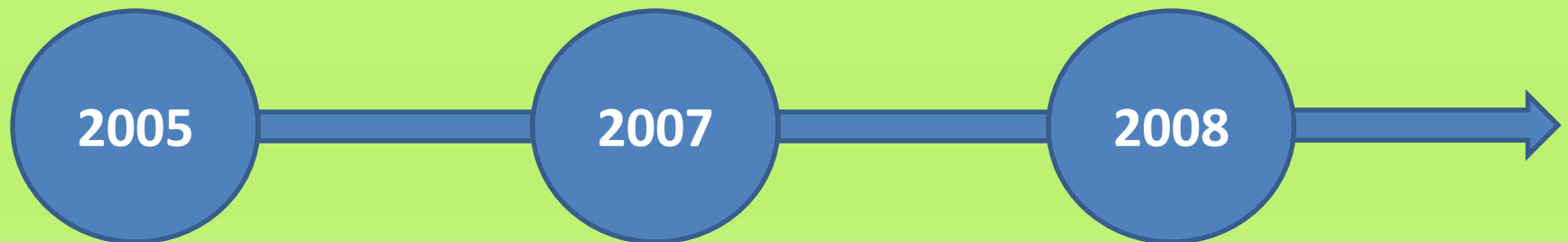
II. Evolution of GAP Program in the Philippines

BAFS administers the
PhilGAP program

DA AO No. 25 s 2005, Re:
Guidelines on the
Certification of GAP for
Fruits and Vegetable (FV)
Farming

Basic Necessity- The
first (1st) PhilGAP
Certified Farm

DA AO No. 30 s 2008, Re:
Revision of the AO No. 25
s 2005 – On Fees,
Duration of Renewal of
Certificate and Modular
Approach of Certification



BAFPS has scaled up its activity by taking part in the ASEANGAP Technical Working Group in harmonizing the Philippine standards with those of the other ASEAN countries

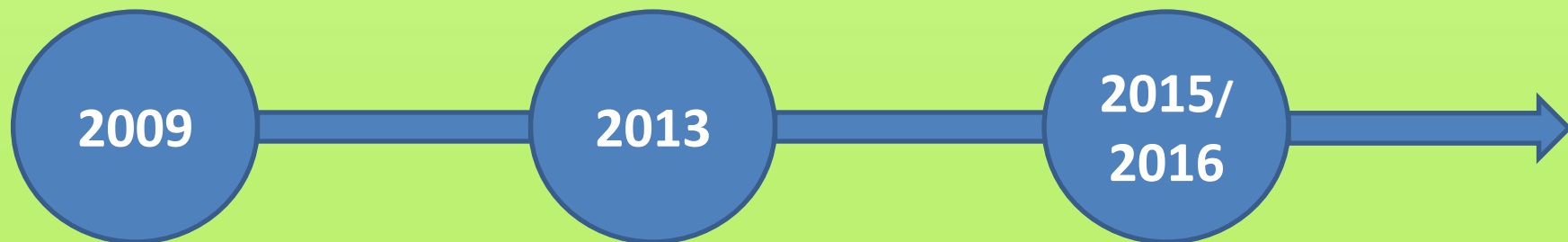
DA Administrative Circular No. 10 s 2013
– Guidelines on the Certification of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for Crops

Signing of Republic Act No. 10611 otherwise known as Food Safety Act of 2013

Signing of the Joint DA-DOH Administrative Order No. 2015-007 (20 February 2015)
- The Implementing Rules and Regulations of Food Safety Act 2013

Start of the transition period from BAFS to BPI

Public Consultation of the PNS for Non-Food Crop



III. Standards and Certification Services

- A total of 183 standards developed:
 - Grading and classification
 - MRLs
 - Codes of Hygienic Practices
 - Codes of Practices → **Code of GAP**

Source: BAFS, 2016

PhilGAP Modules



Food Safety

- Recommended practices 10 elements.
- Each element has background information to explain how contamination can occur. Specific information is then provided for each practice to explain what is required to implement the practice.



Produce Quality

- Recommended practices 10 elements
- Example of a quality plan for production, harvesting and postharvest handling– describing hazards that may occur, causes of quality hazards and preventative measures

Source: BAFS, 2016



Environmental Management

- Recommended practices - 13 elements
- Provides information about the potential environmental hazards - negatives impacts that occur to the environment on and off the property as a result of the production, harvesting and postharvest handling of fruit and vegetables.



Workers Health, Welfare and Safety

Recommended practices – 6 elements

This section contains on the four steps to managing the risk of hazards to worker health, safety and welfare –identify the hazards, assess the risk, control the hazards and monitor and review hazards.

Source: BAFS, 2016

Philippine National Standard Code of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)



Fruits and
Vegetable
Farming
(Generic Code-
revised 2011)



Corn
(2007)



Mango
Production
(2009)

Source: BAFS, 2016



Onion
(2013)



Banana
(2013)



Rice
(2013)

Source: BAFS, 2016

Certification Services

GAP certification process | DA Administrative Order No. 10 s. 2013

1- Submit documents to RED Office



Forward to GAP Secretariat



Notification of inspection
(10 days after receipt of complete documents)

2 - Initial inspection



Follow-up Inspection(s)



Submission of inspection reports + results of analysis to the TWG
(5 days after conduct of all necessary inspections)



TWG to review, evaluate and validate submitted report

Certification Services

GAP certification process | DA Administrative Order No. 10 s. 2013

3 - TWG to review, evaluate and validate submitted documents



*Submit endorsement to GAP Certification Committee

4 - GAP Certification Committee to evaluate the TWG endorsement

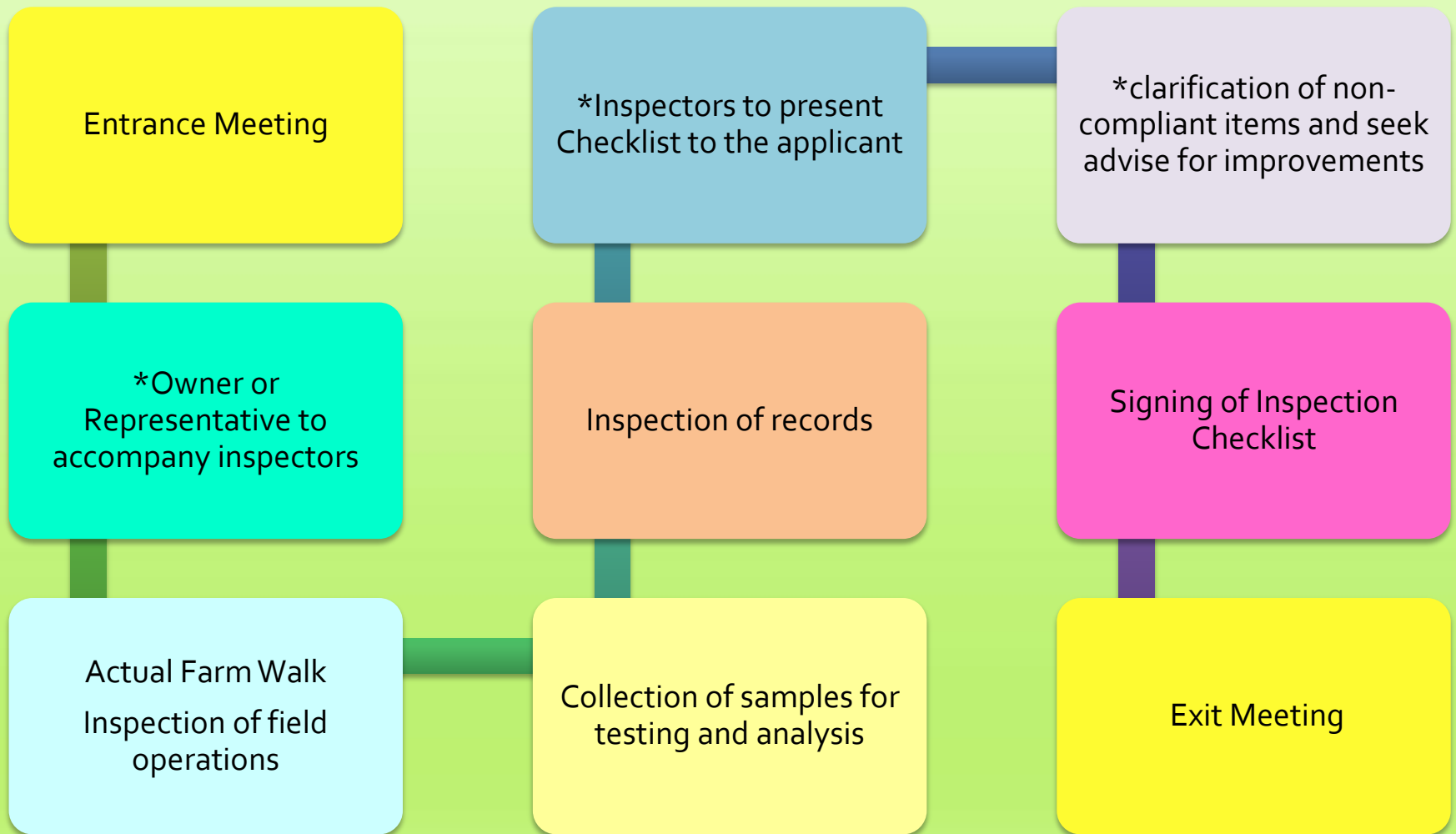


Approve, Deny or place application on a Pending Status
*IF pending, GAP CC to notify the applicant 15 days after the evaluation

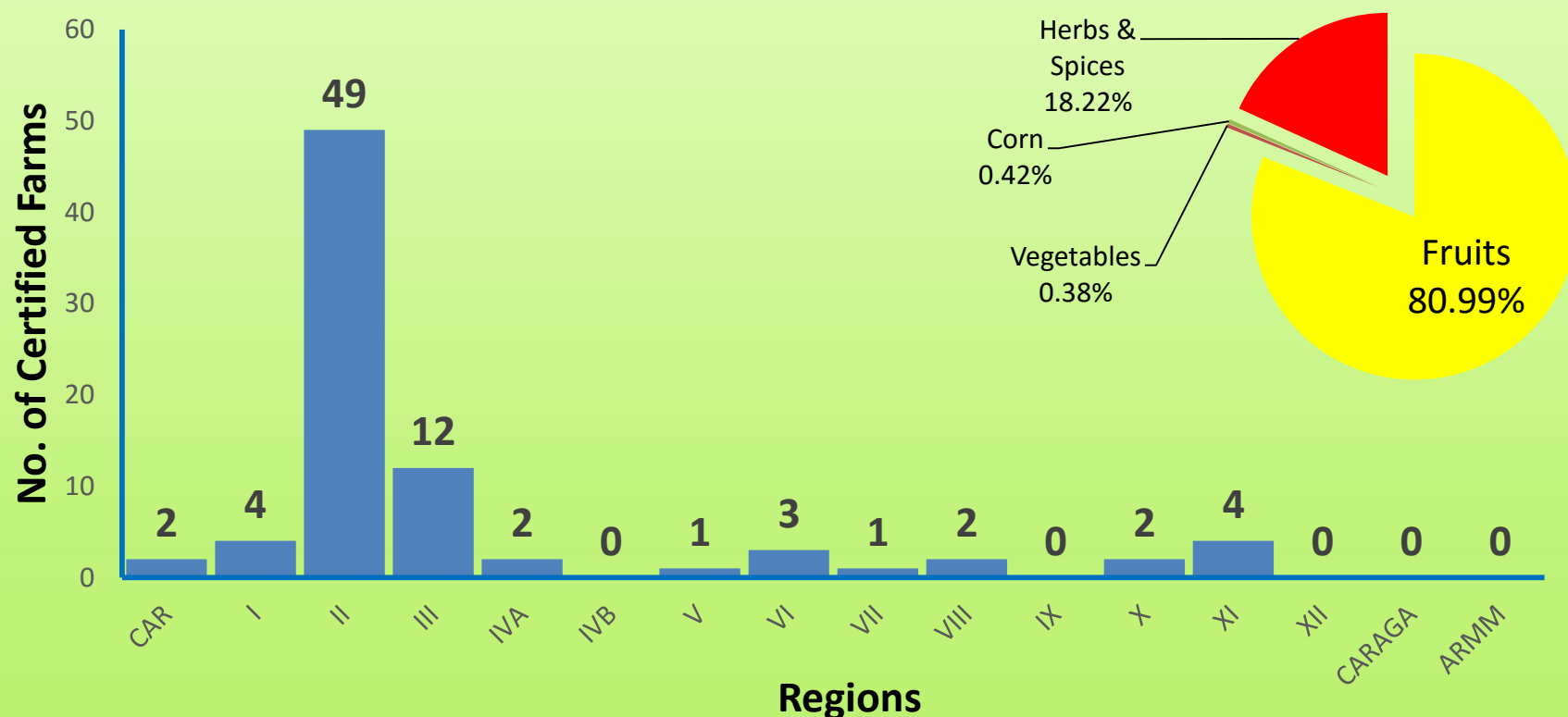


5 - *If Approve, the Recommendation is forwarded to the DA Secretary for FINAL approval

Inspection Protocols



IV. Status of PhilGAP Implementation



GAP Inspectors (DA S.O. 284 s 2015)= 122; BPI Trained GAP Inspectors = 177;
 Total of Certified Farms = 82; Total Certified Area = 22,595 ha

Some of the GAP Certified Farms in the Philippines



Sanchez Farm, Sitio Tanauan, Palaypalay, Jala-jala, Rizal



Richfield Agrifarm Inc., Mabalacat, Pampanga



TADECO at Brgy. A.O Floreindo, Panabo City, Davao del Norte

PHILPACK

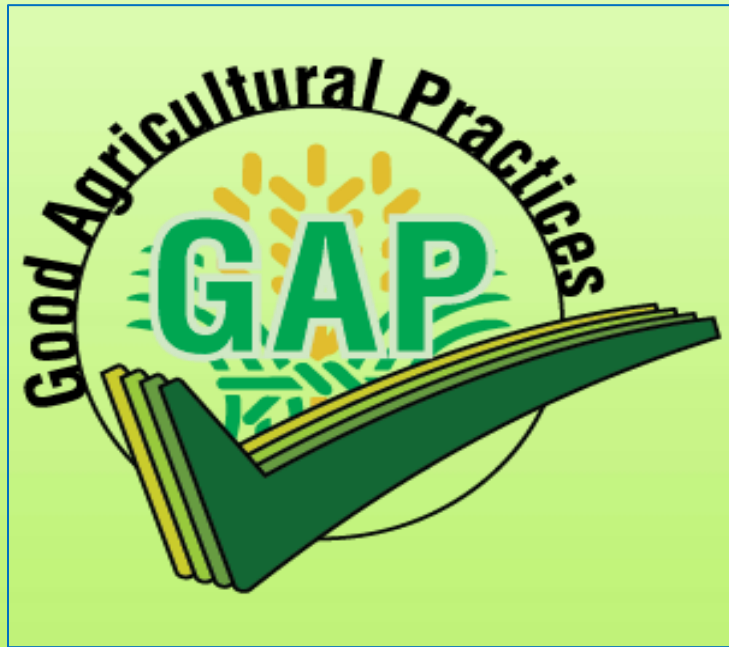
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Sustainable Agriculture



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Del Monte Philippines Incorporated | PHILPACK



PhilGAP Logo



PhilGAP certified produce displayed
at Philippine Supermarkets

Training of GAP Inspectors



Participatory action research towards GAP certification



Promotion and Awareness

❑ Establishment of Regional GAP Team

- Proposed areas for CY 2016: remaining regions of the country
- Pool of technical advisers & trainers for the farmers
- Technical assistance towards GAP certification



❑ 7 episodes on PhilGAP Program shown in a TV Segment





Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards

May 9 at 9:11am · 🌐

GAP TV Segments. Episode 6 of 7



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May 7 at 8:11pm · 🌐

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For more information on GAP, visit BAFS website at: bafs.da.gov.ph

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Strengthening of the Testing Laboratories



V. Concluding Remarks

1. GAP = Freer trade of good
2. GAP = Market access of the products in the region
3. Philippine GAP = ASEAN GAP
4. Leading in the implementation of GAP and its certification services in the region
5. GAP is slowly becoming a requirement of intermediaries as local market opportunities
6. PhilGAP certification program is in transition period from BAFS to BPI
7. DA is committed to strengthen and intensify the PhilGAP program

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6. Regional GAP Team
7. National and Regional GAP Inspectors
8. GAP Certified Farms – TADECO, Richfield Agrifarm Inc., EV Sanches Farm
9. GAP Collaborators

*Lets bridge, promote, buy and
consume GAP certified produce!*

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