

PrimusGFS CERTIFICATION OVERVIEW



PrimusGFS is a pre- and post-farm gate certification for fresh or minimally processed produce, focusing on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP), Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) and food safety management systems (FSMS).

PrimusGFS is ideal for fresh produce growers, packers, processors and distributors in the U.S., Mexico, Canada and Latin America. PrimusGFS is FSMA compliant which makes it a popular option among those shipping into the United States. On average, the PrimusGFS audit can take a half day to a whole day for field audits and one to one and a half days for facility audits which includes both document review and the visual inspection.

WHAT IS THE SCOPE?

PrimusGFS covers various stages of agricultural crop production throughout the entire food supply chain, including pre-harvest, crew harvest and post-harvest farming activities, cooling, packing, processing and storing.

PrimusGFS certification is divided into six with an optional seventh module:

Module 1	Food Safety Management System (FSMS)	Applicable to all operations
Module 2	Farm	Applicable for farm operations
Module 3	Indoor Agriculture	Applicable for indoor agriculture operations
Module 4	Harvest Crew	Applicable harvest crew operations
Module 5	Facility	Applicable for all facility operations
Module 6	Hazard Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP)	Applicable for all facility operations
Module 7	Preventive Control (PC)	Optional to all facility operation



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BENEFITS

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- > Is a GFSI benchmarked standard that provides assurance that food safety is being addressed
- > Focuses on food safety and eliminates other extraneous requirements that do not pertain directly to food safety
- > Covers the entire supply chain from farm production to processing and down to storing operations.
- > Is FSMA compliant so a separate FSMA audit is not needed
- > Is the preferred agricultural certification by the majority of U.S.-based companies
- > Uses a scored audit approach that allows organizations to steadily improve their score over time, while still meeting the base score needed for certification

LOCAL UNDERSTANDING, GLOBAL REACH

NSF International is the leading global certifier to GFSI benchmarked certifications such as PrimusGFS. Our innovative food safety audit and certification services are built upon a world-class integrity program, customer-focused approach, and technical and operational excellence. With auditors and locations around the world, NSF delivers confidence and brand protection with local understanding and global reach.

For more information or if you are looking to apply for PrimusGFS certification. Contact us at AgServices@nsf.org.

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