



**Monday April 9, 2018  
12:00-1:15 PM EST**

***Part I: Food Safety for Fruit & Veg Growers & Processors, Buyers, & Local Food & Ag Professionals & Advocates***

**Presented by the Chesapeake Farm to Institution Work Group & MW COG Local Food Distribution Work Group**



**Resource Experts**

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**Respondent**

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**Moderated by**

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<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer(s) provided in Q&amp;A box; Further answers and discussion answered at the end of the webinar.</b>
When does GAP certification apply to me as a producer? Thanks!	Hi Brittany, a request for GAP certification would come from a buyer. If you don't have a buyer requesting this, then you are not required to have GAP certification. Does that answer your question? Please ask more questions ask they come up during the webinar! If



	<p>I can't answer them, I will present them during the Q&amp;A. On our website, under producer FAQs, there is some content about GAP certification, which also may answer this. And I am happy to respond b y email if you still have questions after reviewing :o)</p>
<p>Amber - Interested to know if the VA study looked at all at average costs to farmers for upgrades needed to come into compliance for GAP or FSMA? If not, have other assessments considered this?</p>	
<p>What does the acronym HARPC/PC stand for?</p>	<p>Hazard Analysis and Risk Based Preventive Controls or PC's Preventive Controls for short</p>
<p>How long did it take Weaver's Orchard to become Harmonized GAP certified?</p>	<p>It took me about 1 year to write our food safety plan and get prepared for our first audit.</p>
<p>GSFI?</p>	<p>GFSI= Global Food Safety Initiative; The CFN Navigating the Food Safety Landscape has a brief explanation of GFSI  <a href="http://www.chesapeakefoodshed.net/project/march-2017-navigating-gap-food-safety-the-food-safety-modernization-act-part-ii/">http://www.chesapeakefoodshed.net/project/march-2017-navigating-gap-food-safety-the-food-safety-modernization-act-part-ii/</a></p>
<p>Clarification - I'm asking about cost of UPGRADES, not just the audit... Thanks! :)</p>	<p>I am sorry, but I could not tell you the costs of the upgrades that we did. I do not handle that area. We did have to install a new drain around our pack line so there were some higher costs for the first year.</p>
<p>Hi Becky. would you guys at Weaver be ok if another orchard owner and food safety employ would do a visit see how you all work?</p>	<p>Yes, we would be happy to have you tour our facility. You can contact me at <a href="mailto:becky@weaversorchard.com">becky@weaversorchard.com</a></p>



<p>Could we have Amber, Lindsay, or Rohan summarize quickly again when a farmer needs to start thinking about HARPC/PC (versus a processor or distributor) and how we as a community may need to keep this in mind as value-added processing is promoted?</p>	
<p>What is the range of costs to develop a food safety plan</p>	