**Good Agriculture Practices (GAPs) Cost Share Application**

As part of our Local Produce Safety Initiative, we are offering cost share assistance to producers who successfully pass a USDA GAP audit. Qualified applicants can receive up to $600 in cost share assistance.

**Who is eligible?** Farmers who have received a USDA GAP certification are eligible to receive a reimbursement of documented GAP certification costs. To be eligible you must:

* Be a CFSA member farm in North Carolina.
* Have attended a CFSA GAP audit training offered in 2012-2014.
* Attain a USDA GAP certification during 2014.

**What costs qualify?** Allowable expenses include application fees, inspection costs, and inspector travel costs. Late fees, materials and supplies, and equipment are not eligible.

**How much am I eligible for?** Payments are limited to 75% of an individual’s certification costs up to a maximum of $600. Expenses related to the certification must have been incurred between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2014. Applications are approved on a first-come, first served basis until funds are depleted.

**How do I apply?** Fill out the information below and send it, along with an IRS W-9 form, detailed invoices/statements from you certifier, and a copy of your certificate to:

**trish@carolinafarmstewards.org**

OR

Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, ATTN: Trish Tripp

P.O. Box 448, Pittsboro, NC 27312

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