

### ***Five Phases of the National GAP Standard Development Process***

The first two phases of the Standard Development Process as outlined by TTBS has been completed, i.e. *Research and Planning and Formulation of the Draft Standard*.

The current phase is *Stakeholder Engagement* which involves gaining valued input through Public Comment and Stakeholder Consultation. This phase will be completed with Post Public Comment Review of the Standard.

The final stages are *Approval* through TTBS and *Publication and Promotion*.

### ***How to get involved in the development of the National GAP Standard?***

- ✚ Attend a Sensitisation Session at the Farmers' Markets
- ✚ Visit one of the listed locations to review the draft document:
  - NAMDEVCO Offices
  - MALF County Offices
  - ADB Locations
- ✚ Engage a NAMDEVCO Field Officer on the field or at an exhibition
- ✚ Go online to review the draft document on the following websites:
  - NAMDEVCO
  - TTBS
- ✚ Complete the Public Comment Form available at the locations
- ✚ Participate in the Stakeholder Consultation on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

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# National Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Standard

***“Towards the Development of a  
National Good Agricultural  
Practices (GAP) Programme for  
Trinidad and Tobago”***

An Initiative of the  
National Agricultural Marketing and  
Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO)

in collaboration with  
Key Agencies/Organisations

### **What are Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)?**

A set of essential operational, technical and managerial practices necessary to prevent or reduce the risk of food safety hazards enabling the delivery of safe fresh fruits and vegetables to the consumer, sustainability and reduction in negative environmental impact.

### **Why use Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)?**

- ✚ Healthy and quality produce to improve nutrition and nourishment of the family.
- ✚ Safe food for schools, hospitals and other government institutions
- ✚ Sustainability and access to new markets for high quality produce
- ✚ Worker, Health, Safety and Environmental Welfare
- ✚ Control of production
- ✚ More income
- ✚ Better prices for quality
- ✚ Lower costs (reduced agro-chemicals)
- ✚ Higher yields (increase productivity)

### **What is a Standard?**

Technical specifications or other precise criteria to be used constantly as rule, guidelines of definitions of characteristics to ensure materials, products, processes and services are fit for their intended purposes.

### **Who developed the National GAP Standard?**

Specification Committee for National Good Agricultural Practices Standard:

#### **Chairperson**

Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

#### **Project Coordinator/Facilitator**

National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO)

#### **Project Lead and Technical Secretary**

Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards (TTBS)

#### **Key Agencies/Organizations**

Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries (MALF)

Ministry of Health (MOH)

Division of Food Production, Forestry and Fisheries, Tobago House of Assembly

Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago (ASTT)

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAOTT)

Caribbean Research and Industrial Institute (CARIRI)

Environmental Management Authority (EMA)

### **Who should use the National GAP Standard?**

- ✚ Fresh Produce Growers (Farmers)
- ✚ Regulators (MALF, NAMDEVCO)
- ✚ Certification Bodies (3<sup>rd</sup> Party Certification)
- ✚ Local, Regional and International Buyers (in contract, tender, agreement, policy and procurement documents)

### **The National GAP Standard**

Establishes minimum requirements for food safety and quality in fresh produce, at production, harvesting, post-harvest handling, packaging, storage and transportation stages.

The standard directs focus on key areas, risk assessment and mitigation, recommendations and highlights a checklist to guide the producer on the impact on their produce and the environment.

### **Areas Covered in the National GAP Standard:**

- ✚ Production Site
- ✚ Equipment
- ✚ Planting Material
- ✚ Soil and Substrates
- ✚ Fertilizers and Soil Additives
- ✚ Water Management
- ✚ Crop Protection
- ✚ Chemical Management
- ✚ Hygiene
- ✚ Harvesting & Produce Handling
- ✚ Waste
- ✚ Packaging
- ✚ Transportation
- ✚ Worker Welfare
- ✚ Environmental Management
- ✚ Management Responsibility
- ✚ Quality Management
- ✚ Traceability & Recall
- ✚ Security: Biovigilance & Bioterrorism
- ✚ Food Fraud
- ✚ Document & Records
- ✚ Review