

**Good Agriculture and
Collections Practices**

*A voluntary tool
developed for the
industry by the industry
to prove use of safe
traceable practices while
growing or developing
quality products.*

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*A tool to prove safety,
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**Ensuring a
supply you can
trust**

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GACPs were developed, trialed and tested by those in the industry. Pilots were done across the country with those actually wild collecting and farming. A combination of funding from varied Agriculture Canada programs over a number of years plus thousands of industry hours went into their development. The final piece to this puzzle involved the Canadian Food Inspection Agency ensuring that the system that was developed is technically sound.

So are they truly voluntary?

The short answer yes. **This is a tool to be used where and when needed. It is not regulation.** As a buyer you may want your suppliers to follow this program to have raw materials you can trust. OR you may want to use them yourself.

You could :

- a) **Develop your own standards at great cost to you OR**
- b) use the GACPs that were developed to fit the industry and have been validated by CFIA

Why GACPs may be for you....

What exactly are GACPs?

GACPs are voluntary practices developed by industry with the support of Agriculture Canada and NHPD, for industry, as a tool to help growers, collectors and processors grow, collect, handle, and (or) process a variety of plant (and animal) products sustainably, ethically and safely with ensured traceability. For many if not most wildcrafters, farmers and processors sustainability, following ethical and environmental practices and safety already form a good foundation for their day to day practices.

But, can they prove they do it? Can they separate themselves and distinguish their products from those that do not practice the same due diligence? Can they keep small problems small?

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For industry today, day-to-day busyness (i.e., getting the work done) is usually the first priority.

Regardless of their end market reality today is evaluating all of the risks to their collecting or producing to ensure a safe, high quality product is equal priority. This means refining their practices to ensure this able to be proved.

*GACPs are a **tool** that can help.*