

The Promotion of Traceability in Agricultural Products

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The promotion of traceability in agricultural goods is one of the main itineraries on New Agricultural Project by the Council of Agriculture (COA). Ever since the Agricultural Production and Certification Act have been enforced on January 29th, 2007, COA further finalized nine daughter regulations, including the Certification and Management Act for Agricultural Traceability Products. Besides, COA finalized nearly a hundred regulations of Taiwan Good Agricultural Practices (TGAPs) for main products in Taiwan. A national network of inspection and examination centers was also completed. Moreover, COA assisted several citizen-owned and private institutions to become legitimate certification bodies. These preparation works of relative basics and encountering mechanisms are ready for promoting food traceability system.

From 2013, promoting traceability in agricultural goods will step into a new stage - escalating the extension and distribution of food traceability ; COA has scheduled to officially announce an "Agriculture Safety Year "; Additionally, Agricultural and Food Agency of COA will counsel croppers to enlarge their production quantity and enforce marketing of traceability products to ensure the safety of food for consumers. This is to give additional strength to international competitiveness, as well as the environment to further enhance the sustainable development for agriculture in Taiwan. In 2013, the major promotion highlights for agricultural crops traceability, was carried out by Agricultural and Food Agency of COA.

Agricultural and Food Agency of COA has completed with announced items total of 83, including 82 of common crops and organic crops. Information is listed in chart 1.

Chart 1. Announced TGAPs for Agricultural Crops(2012.04.09)

Category		Items
General Crops	Fruits (25 items)	atemoya, sugar apple, pineapple, papaya, banana, carambola, grape, guava, pear, Indian jujube, mango, wax-apple, loquat, persimmon, lychee, Dragon fruit, passion fruit, plum, mulberry, citrus, avocado, peach, Mei, longan, Chinese jujube
	Vegetables (43 items)	Sweet potato tips, bell pepper, strawberry, tomato, spinach, short-term leaf vegetables (pakchoi, bok coy, Chinese kale, edible rape, leaf mustard, water convolvulus, garland chrysanthemum), golden mushroom, shiitake, broccoli, head lettuce, potato, carrot, edible burdock, musk melon, head leaf vegetables (cabbage, Chinese cabbage, Capitata mustard), soybean, onion, Chinese chive, bird-nest fern, Welsh onion, day lily, head lettuce gourds(cucumber, wax gourd, pumpkin, vegetable sponge, bittergourd, calabash gourd, oriental pickling melon), garlic, water bamboo, cauliflower, bamboo shoot, watermelon, asparagus, chili, celery, beans vegetables (asparagus bean, green bean, edible podded pea), mushroom cultivation on compost, mushroom cultivation in polypropylene bags, Bottle culture of mushrooms , basil, cantaloupe, green garlic, large leaf mustard, leaf lettuce, chayote, vegetable fern, taro, eggplant
	Grains (12 items)	sweet potato, tea, yam, peanut, roselle, corn, lycium chinense miller of leaf, <i>Mesona chinensis benth</i> , <i>Anoectochilus formosanus</i> Hay., Adzuki bean, Job's tears, soybeans
	Edible Rice (1 item)	Rice
	Edible Flower (1 item)	Edible nymphaea
	Tally	82 items
	Organic Crops	Organic Crops (1 items)
	Tally	1 items
Total		83 items

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