

Guidelines for Common Foundation of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs)

1. Description of GAPs in the "Food, Agriculture and Rural Basic Plan" (March 2010)

3) Policies which shall be taken comprehensively and deliberately as regards food, agriculture and rural areas relates to agriculture and rural areas

1. Measure with regards to securing stable food supply

1) To secure safety of food and consumer's reliance

② Expansion of efforts in food chain

a. Practice in Production Stage

• Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) have advanced based on proactive efforts of producers, however the implementation in the production area remains limited. In addition, along with the various GAPs existing in the country, it requires more progress of the practices in light of scientific knowledge as well as consumers and actual demands.

• In light of these true picture of GAPs practices, the promotion of GAPs, including advanced practices to target a wide range of fields such as food safety, environmental protection and labor safety can provide merits to both consumers and producers. Thus, the government encourages promoting the common foundation as well as the further expansion of its practices and advancement of their contents in the production area.

2. The need for common base of GAP

- There is a need of the development of common base of GAP as many GAPs with various contents exist in the country. It can itself become the burden of farmers as well as production areas.
- It is necessary that producers can implement effective initiatives for improving safety of agricultural products based on the scientific knowledge.
- It is necessary that not just food safety but also a wide range of fields such as environmental protection and occupational safety should be taken into consideration GAP as the target.



Development of guidelines for the common foundation of GAP with advanced action contents

April 22 established: rice, vegetables, and wheat to be the object to be formulated

March 23 revised: Add to subject the other crops and forest products

June 23 revised: revision part associated with the development of guidelines for pathogenic microbial contamination reduction of vegetables

August 23 revised: revision part associated with the development of guidelines for cadmium concentration reduction in rice

March 24 revised: revision part associated with the development of management guidelines for the prevention of rice mold contamination

→ In agricultural production practices of our country, we clarify the particular efforts should be encouraged to practice as a common foundation

- The compilation of individual efforts that have been defined in the laws and regulations as a package