

GAP FAQ

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Is hand sanitizer alone OK for hand washing?

No. Hand sanitizer is not a substitute for hand washing with soap and potable water. Hand sanitizer can be applied after hand washing if desired.

I only deliver from refrigerated storages so I can't do a mock recall from this season's harvest until much later. May I use a mock recall of last season's delivery for this current crop?

The mock recall for the 1st audit won't be held against the grower if it has not been done yet (as long as they have it the manual and will be doing a mock recall later on). After the 1st year they will have to have a mock recall completed within the previous 6 months.

My truck drivers have explicit instruction not to handle potatoes in the field or at the storage while the truck is unloading. Are they "not applicable option" from the hand washing before returning to work under these specific circumstances?

You are on thin ice. Workers, operators and possibly the truck drivers will be handling produce at some point, for example on breakdowns, unloading at the storage, helping out with the repairs. Most everyone is moving or handling potatoes at some point. I would not recommend a grower risk an automatic audit failure if only part of the work crew is washing their hands. Enforcement of hand washing is easier to enforce if everyone is doing the same procedures and not just a few.

I have GAP records of well tests, employee signature sheets and the like for going back two years. Do I have to keep these old records?

Local experts recommend keeping records of for at least one year previous.