



Fraser Valley
Strawberry
Growers
Association



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of British Columbia

Pre-Harvest Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) Checklist

Indicate N/A for anything that is not applicable

(For anything checked “No” or “Unsure” complete corrective action)

Farm Name: _____ Checked By: _____

Farm Location: _____ Date: _____

INSPECTION	YES	NO	UNSURE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
ADJACENT LAND USE				
Activity on land adjacent to the growing area does not pose as a source of contamination:				
• To crop				
• To water sources used				
• To equipment or tools used for or during harvest				
Measures (fence, barriers, drainage, buffers, etc) have been taken to minimize risk from drifting or leaching of manure, poultry dust, or pesticides				
SITE				
Previous land use does not pose a risk of berry contamination				
Septic, waste disposal and drainage systems are well constructed and maintained				
WATER				
Records of irrigation close to and during harvest are kept				
A tested safe water source is used for chemical applications made close to or during harvest				
Agricultural water storage containers (ie. wash water for hands, equipment or tools, or spray water in field):				
• Are cleaned prior to first use				
• Have lids and are closed when not in use				
Each water source that comes into contact with berries or with berry contact surfaces is tested for indicator organism E. coli [at least annually for city/well water or more often for surface water]				

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When surface water is used for irrigating or spraying the method or technique used is one that minimizes risk of berry contamination				
CHEMICAL APPLICATION (FERTILIZER/PESTICIDE)				
Records of all chemical applications are kept				
Chemical application equipment is well maintained at all times and calibrated at least once per year				
Chemicals are stored: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a locked leak proof, well-ventilated, fire resistant building made with non-absorbent materials with warning signs of door(s) According to label specifications 				
Preharvest intervals were observed prior to harvesting				
Only registered chemicals are used & are used according to label				
Empty chemical containers are disposed as per label and/or regulations				
MANURE				
Records of application are kept				
Application equipment is well maintained Manure is stored: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 30 m (100ft) from watercourses or wells Separate from fuels, oils, chemicals and harvesting containers & equipment 				
Field stored manure piles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are covered from October 1st to April 1st Are located to prevent leaching or drifting 				
Application is made between mid-February and mid-April				
Method of application minimizes manure contact with canes/posts				