



# **Harvest and Market Animal Products Handout I Guidelines for Good Agricultural Practices**

The following is a summary of the areas for which GAP guidelines have been developed.

### **Land Use and Soil**

- Cultivated land information
- Current or prior use of adjacent land

### **Water Sources and Irrigation Practices**

- Potential contamination associated with water sources
- Hazards introduced by irrigation practices
- Chemigation
- Agricultural water microbiological testing procedures

### **Implementation of Soil and Water Conservation Principles – Organic Fertilisers**

- Management of organic fertilisers
- Hazards associated with animal manure and treatments to reduce the risks
- Hazards Associated with manure treatment and storage location
- Precautions for the application of organic fertilisers
- Keeping complete records of organic fertiliser preparation and use

### **Implementation of Soil and Water Conservation Principles – Inorganic Fertilisers**

- Keeping complete records of inorganic fertilisation programs

### **Animal Exclusion from Production Areas**

- Methods for keeping animals out of production areas
- Cleaning surrounding areas
- Animals and water

### **Pest Control**

- Pest Control in fresh produce operations
- Common pest control procedures
- Pesticides
- Pesticide handling
- Pesticide application

- Pesticide storage
- Pesticide residues
- Pesticide disposal
- Training and documentation

### **Worker Health and Safety**

- Relationship between worker health and hygiene
- Health programs
- Worker hygiene training program
- Drinking water
- Worker hygiene practices and sanitation facilities
- Hand washing and hand-washing facilities
- Basic requirements for and placement of sanitary field stations

### **Safety Hazards Associated with Harvesting**

- Physical damage caused by mechanical and / or manual harvesting methods
- In-field packaging operations

### **Safety Hazards Associated with Post-Harvest treatments and handling**

- Post-harvest water quality
- Cooling considerations