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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **MDAC to Host Basic GAP and Harmonized GAP Training in Calhoun County**

**JACKSON, Miss.** – The Fruits and Vegetables Division of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce will host a Basic Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) training on February 19 and a Harmonized GAP training on February 20. Sessions take place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Mississippi Sweet Potato Council Building located at 205 W. Sweet Potato Street in Vardaman, Mississippi.

The GAP audit training is open to any Mississippi produce farmers that have received or interested in receiving an audit. The GAP training teaches farmers best agriculture practices and provides updates regarding new recommendations from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Those interested in attending a training can sign up for the February 19 at <https://tinyurl.com/54ypctx2> or the February 20 training at <https://tinyurl.com/4rvf6ff5>.

For any questions about the GAP training, please contact Kayla McMinn at (662) 552-0648 or by email at [Kayla.southeastgap@gmail.com](mailto:Kayla.southeastgap@gmail.com), or contact Supervisor of USDA Federal/State Inspection Service Vivian Purvis at (601) 331-3795 or by email at [Vivian@mdac.ms.gov](mailto:Vivian@mdac.ms.gov).

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**Flyers for each training session are attached.**



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# BASIC GAP

## Training

JOIN US IN TAKING A DEEPER DIVE OF UNDERSTANDING HOW GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES BENEFIT YOUR FARM AND HOW THEY LEAD TO BEING COMPLIANT WITH FOOD SAFETY REGULATIONS



• **February 19, 2025**      • **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**  
**Mississippi Sweet Potato Council Building**  
**205 W. Sweet Potato Street**  
**Vardaman, MS 38878**

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# HARMONIZED GAP

## Training

JOIN US IN TAKING A DEEPER DIVE OF UNDERSTANDING HOW GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES BENEFIT YOUR FARM AND HOW THEY LEAD TO BEING COMPLIANT WITH FOOD SAFETY REGULATIONS



- **February 20, 2025**
  - **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**
- Mississippi Sweet Potato Council Building  
205 W. Sweet Potato Street  
Vardaman, MS 38878**

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