About the training-workshop

Agricultural production continues to decrease and remains unstable since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, affecting food systems around the world. The current situation has put stronger emphasis on food supply and safety as food plays significant role on the health and wellbeing of consumers. With this, the development and adoption of GAP has become increasingly important in light of growing consciousness of consumers of the quality, safety, and hygiene of the products especially during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

This training is driven by the need to help farmers to rethink and redesign their current farming methods or help them establish a set of practices in their farming operations for a more sustainable and safe food system, enhanced quality of farm produce, and increased market competitiveness, thereby contributing to the overall local food security and safety.

Virtual Training-Workshop on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for Emerging Agricultural Commodities Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Date: 27–28 August 2020
Collaborating agencies: SEARCA and DA-Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)

Objectives of the training-workshop

The main objective of this workshop is to provide an avenue for knowledge sharing among GAP practitioners and farmers on concrete innovative actions towards sustainable agricultural practices, increased productivity, and market competitiveness of key agricultural commodities particularly in light of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, this workshop is expected to:

1. Provide an in-depth understanding on the basic concepts and principles of GAP in order to guide various food systems towards sustainable production of safe food and improve market competitiveness of key agricultural commodities;
2. Develop the ability to apply the range of GAP techniques and strategies in every farming process for enhanced farm management, productivity, and increased market competitiveness particularly in the context of COVID-19 pandemic; and
3. Build a network of farmers and GAP community of practitioners (COPs) and advocates the SEARCA and DA-BPI can jointly support.

Training-workshop content

- Introduction to GAP: Concepts and guiding principles
- GAP approaches and techniques
- Operationalizing GAP amid COVID-19 pandemic
- Step-by-step adoption of GAP

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