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**Subject:** Reply concerning a Kansas Auditor or contact  
**Attachments:** websites for Food Safety 17.docx; SC237A Request form.pdf; SC 651 Agreement Form.pdf; GAPGHP\_checklist.xlsm; ...USDA User Guide.pdf; HarmonizedAuditChecklistFieldandHarvest3.xlsx; HarmonizedAuditChecklistPostHarvestOperations3.xlsx

Cal,  
The answer to your question is we do not have an auditor in Kansas. We have had 5 audits done this year in Kansas with two different auditors both from Kansas City, MO. Below are the instructions as to how they can schedule the audit they need. I have included some attachments including the websites for helpful instructions and logs for training, cleaning etc. on the food safety website at Cornell.

Thank you for your interest in how to acquire an USDA GAP/GHP audit. Our audits are not mandatory but are voluntary. They last for one year only. They need to be performed every year. The cost is \$108.00 per hour ( as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017); for the following: time of travel to the location and return; time for the audit preparation/ writing/completion and the actual time of performing the audit at the Farm/ Facility. Also if a Federal auditor has to fly to the location the cost of the plane fare is included as well ( as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017). There is a \$50.00 yearly Administrative fee for the certificate and posting to the Web.

Currently we perform GAP/GHP, Harmonized Field and Harvesting and Post-Harvest Operation audits with Global Addendums ([basic](#) and [Intermediate](#)) that have questions that meet the Global requirements. Tomato and Mushroom specific audits.

We always ask that you check with the company (ies) you are supplying product to for what their requirements may possibly be so you don't pay for an audit type you do not need.

You will have to have a written Food Safety Plan, a person designated for Food Safety oversight and records in place prior to the audit being scheduled. The Auditor will need to observe the harvesting and packaging if those are in the scopes/parts of the audit requested and interview employees to verify training.

I have included in this email the GHP/GAP users Guide and a copy of the GAP Checklist. Along with the Harmonized Field & Post-Harvest checklists. This way you can look over the different types of audit checklists we have available and chose the appropriate one.

The requirements for each program/audit are listed on our website in each programs' checklists and standards. To schedule an audit please **fill out** the SC237A request form and the SC651 agreement form/ sign & date ( fill out and save onto desktop and send as an attachment) and email them back to me or to [SCaudits@ams.usda.gov](mailto:SCaudits@ams.usda.gov)

You can review the information about our USDA GAP/GHP programs checklist and User's Guide, found on our website at; <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp>.

Our USDA Produce GAPs Harmonized Checklists and the Produce GAPs Harmonized Food Safety Standards can be found on our website at: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp/harmonized>.

I know this is a lot of information and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have and discuss any of the steps needed to request your audit for your suppliers/producers. Thank you again for your interest in the USDA GAP / GHP audit services.

Appreciatively,

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I was wondering who did USDA GAP Harmonized audits for Kansas (or if there are different ones for different regions). I have growers who are interested and am in need of contact info. Thank you

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