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**NEW Annual GAP Training Policy**

The GAP Connections Board of Directors approved a new policy regarding Annual GAP Training. Beginning in 2020, Annual GAP Training that occurs after June 30 will not be recorded by GAP Connections.

This policy applies to GAPC Grower members regardless of their participation in the GAPC Certification Program. For growers who are participating in the Certification Program training is an annual requirement that must be completed by June 30. If you are a GAPC Grower Member and not participating in the GAPC Certification program you should reach out to your contracting company to find out more about your specific training requirements.

Growers should watch the GAP Connections Calendar of Events, www.gapconnections.com, for 2020 Annual GAP Training dates in order to identify a training location close to your operation.

GAP Training covers the three components of Good Agricultural Practices – Crop, Environment, and Labor. Training provides an opportunity for growers to learn about the newest research and information in tobacco production and labor related matters.

Growers attending Annual GAP Training should bring a photo ID and GAP Grower ID Card. Grower ID cards are scanned for verification of training attendance. Growers that forget or need a new Grower ID Card should see GAP Connections staff or training site host to sign in in order to get credit for training.

For questions regarding the GAP Training, please contact Amy Rochkes, Training and Resource Coordinator, (865) 622-4606, extension 107.

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