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Fruit and Vegetable Programs

ACDA

Farm to School

Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)

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What are GAP's?

- Good Agricultural Practices





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USDA

GAP & GHP

AUDIT PROGRAM

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GUIDANCE FOR INDUSTRY

Guide to Minimize Microbial Food Safety Hazards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Food and Drug Administration
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN)
October, 1998

Cornell University
Department of Food Science

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Good Agricultural Practices Network for Education and Training

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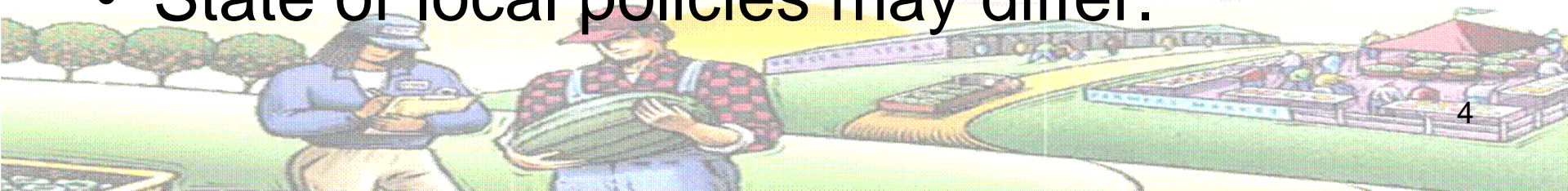
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Food Safety Begins on the Farm
Updated 04/29/10



Good Agricultural Practices

- In 1998 the FDA published guidance
- USDA does not require schools to only purchase from GAPs certified farms.
- State or local policies may differ.





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Good Agricultural Practices: the 8 Principles

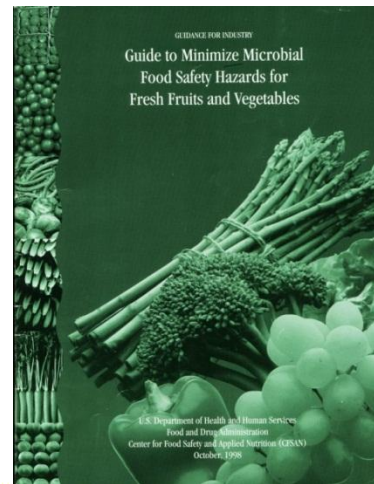




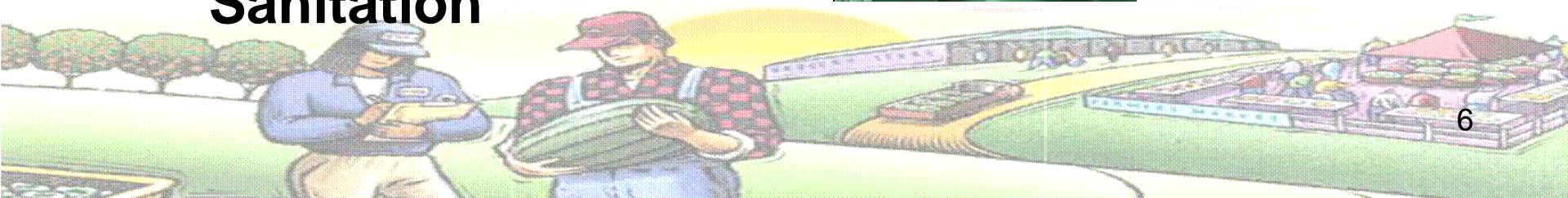
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- 1. Water Sources**
- 2. Manure Use and Handling**
- 3. Worker Health and Hygiene**
- 4. Sanitary Facilities**
- 5. Field Sanitation**
- 6. Packing Facility Sanitation**

- 7. Transportation**
- 8. Traceability**



Source: FDA

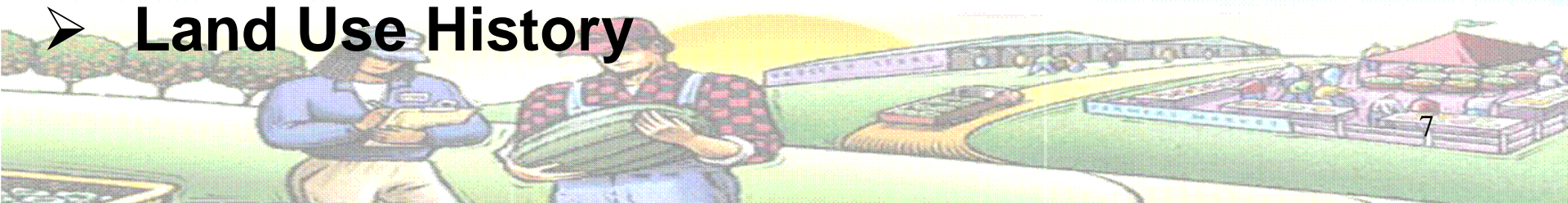




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Farm Review

- **Water Sources**
- **Water Distribution**
- **Contamination Potential**
- **Sewage Treatment**
- **Animals and Compost**
- **Municipal Bio-solids**
- **Land Use History**

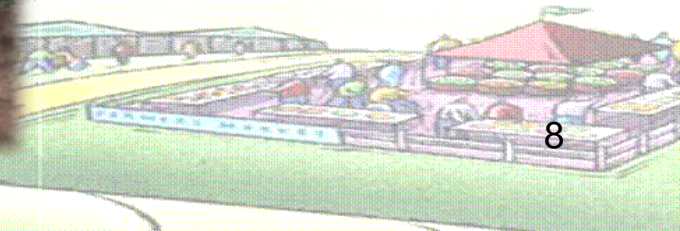




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Worker Sanitation & Hygiene

- **Water**
- **Sanitary Facilities**
- **Harvesting & Transportation**





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Field Harvest Field Packing

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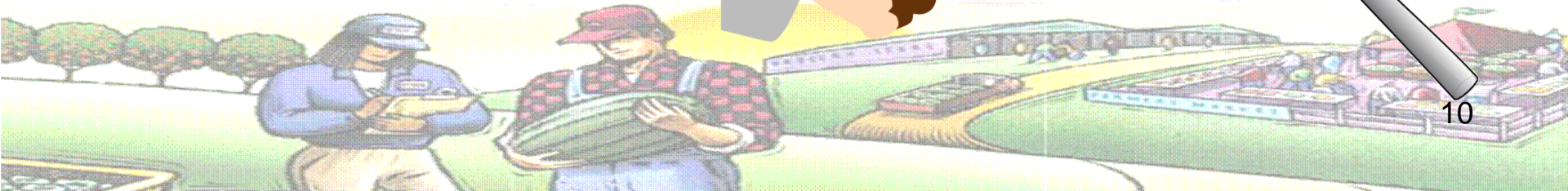
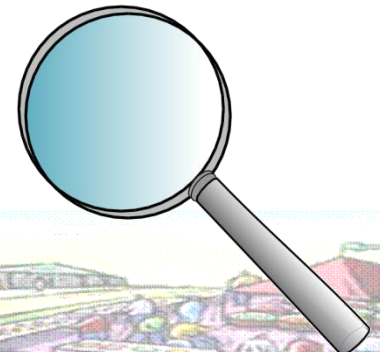




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Why GAP?

- Required by most buyers
- Enhances marketability
- Good Business Practice
- Customer Driven





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Thank You!

