

**COMPARISON CHART for CERTIFYING as a GROUP**

	Individual Certification	Coordinated Audits	Clustering	Single Entity Certification	GroupGAP
Training	Farmer is on their own to find and pay for training	Up to the farmers to coordinate training	Up to the farmers to coordinate training	Entity organizes group and individual farmer training	Entity organizes group and individual farmer training
Food Safety Plan	Required for each farm	Required for each farm	Required for each cluster as if one farm	One plan for the entity as if one farm	Required for each farm
QMS	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Required
Internal Audits	Not required	Not required	Not required	Recommended as verification	Required for all farms and the QMS
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Audits	Required for each farm	Required for each farm	One audit for each cluster	One audit for the entity as if one farm with multiple growing sites	QMS and small percentage of farms
Who Pays?	Individual farmers	Individual farmers	Group shares the cost	Group shares the cost	Group shares the cost
Certification	Each farm certified	Each farm certified	Each cluster certified as one farm	One certificate for the whole entity	Group is certified as one body & each farm can receive a GGP certificate
Liability and Accountability	Each farmer liable for their own operation	Each farmer liable for their own operation	<p>Farmers share liability and accountability.</p> <p>One farm can fail the group.</p> <p>Possible to include nonconformance procedures into FS plan to mitigate some risk</p>	<p>Group carries liability. Management and farmers are accountable to each other.</p> <p>One farm may fail the group but procedures can be included to reduce risk of this.</p> <p>Internal verification, and nonconformance procedures in FS plan can mitigate some risk.</p>	<p>Group carries liability. Management and farmers are accountable to each other.</p> <p>QMS includes nonconformance policies and procedures. This plus internal auditing procedures can prevent one farm's failure affecting the whole group.</p>