



## **GLOBALG.A.P. SPRING - Sustainable Program for Irrigation and Groundwater Use**

70% of the world's freshwater resources are used for agriculture. As pressure on this limited resource grows, agricultural supply chains will depend on a sustainable approach to water management. As a result, food system stakeholders are now expected to provide evidence documenting their efforts to manage water risks and promote sustainable practices.

SPRING is a farm-level add-on which helps producers, retailers, and traders demonstrate their commitment to sustainable water management and can be implemented together with the GLOBALG.A.P. IFA standard for Crops. SPRING incorporates a wide range of criteria to assess sustainable water management on the farm. These include:

- Legal conformity of water sources and extraction rates
- Monitoring of water consumption
- Impact of producers on sustainable watershed management
- Best practices in water management
- Protection of water sources
- Measures to demonstrate continuous improvement of water management

Producers who successfully implement the SPRING add-on receive a certificate of conformity, which is also visible in the GLOBALG.A.P. database. Authorized supply chain stakeholders can also access the full audit report as a "SPRING observer" via the GLOBALG.A.P. database.

The SPRING add-on was originally developed by the Swiss retailer Coop in 2016 in collaboration with GLOBALG.A.P. The ownership of the standard was officially transferred to GLOBALG.A.P. in July 2019



## Guide to Documents

- [SPRING CHECKLIST](#)
- [SPRING Specification Rules](#)

### Certification Options:

Option 1 – Individual producer without qms

Option 1 – Individual producer with a qms and

Option 2 - Group

### CERTIFY WITH EUROCERT

EUROCERT certificates are accepted and recognized by supermarket chains in European Market

EUROCERT offers the option of simultaneous inspection for more than one standards/protocols to reduce costs.

### Relevant Docs:

[Fill in the Certification Application](#)  
[Sublicense Agreement](#)

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