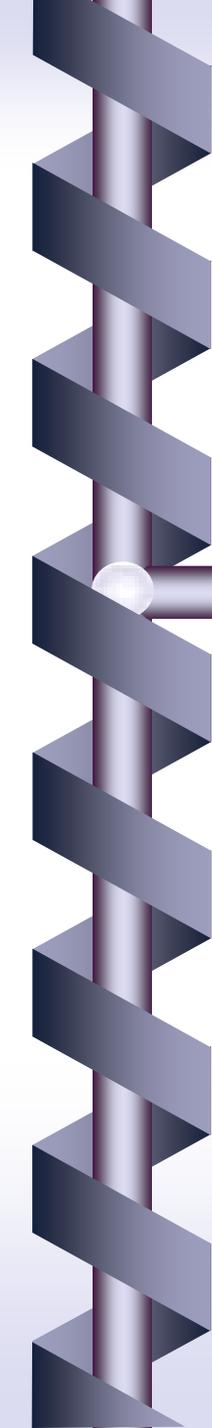




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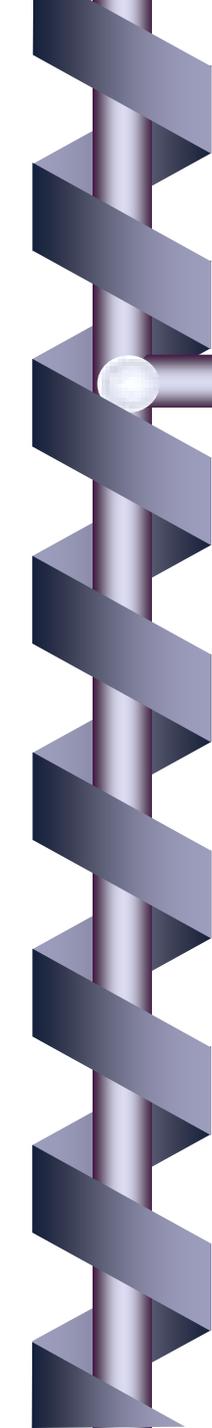
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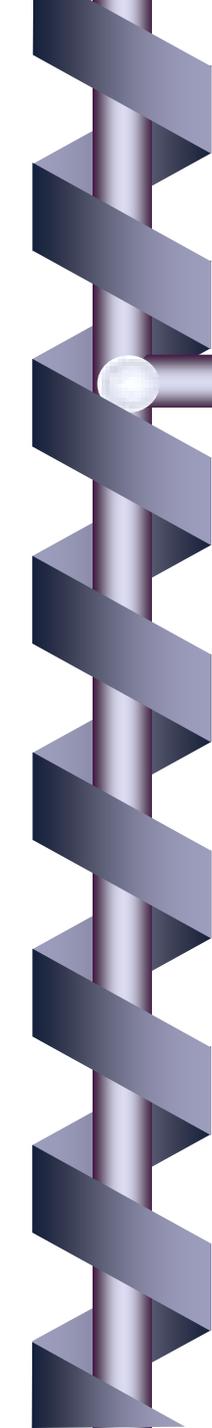
“We’re from the government and
we’re here to help you.”



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Illustrations showing people working in a field, likely related to pesticide application or safety.

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COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE

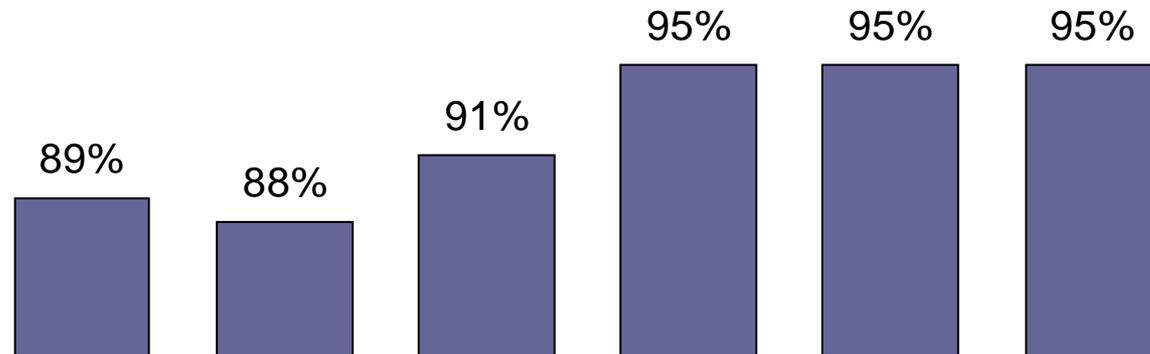
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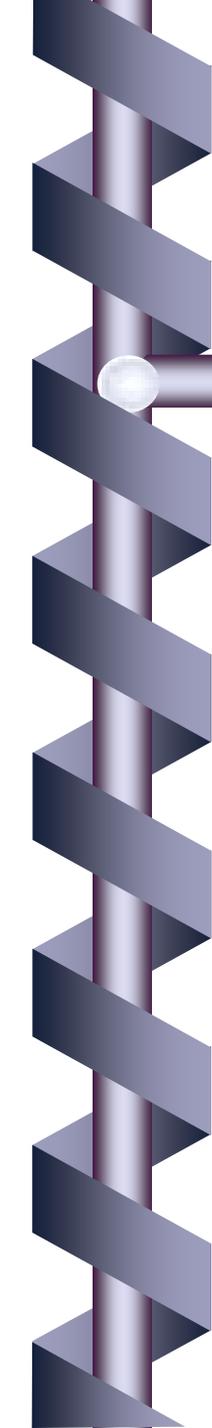
ACT GOALS:

Voluntary Industry Compliance



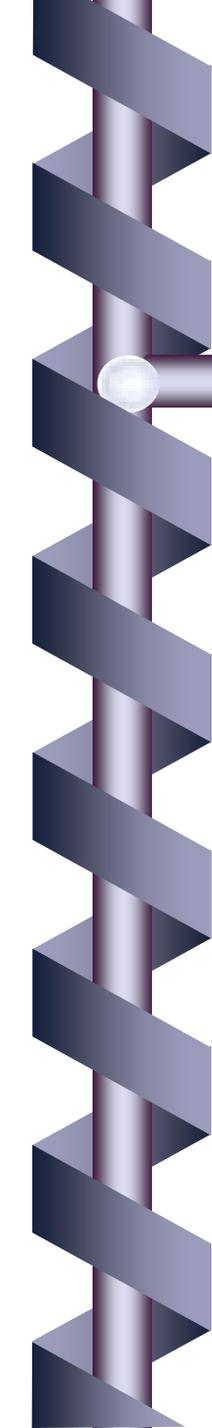
Years 1996-2001

National average for similar compliance assistance programs is 85%.



ACT FOCUS

Provide An Alternative Means of Compliance Through Education Versus Enforcement



Assistance Provided

Worker and Handler Training

Pesticide Safety

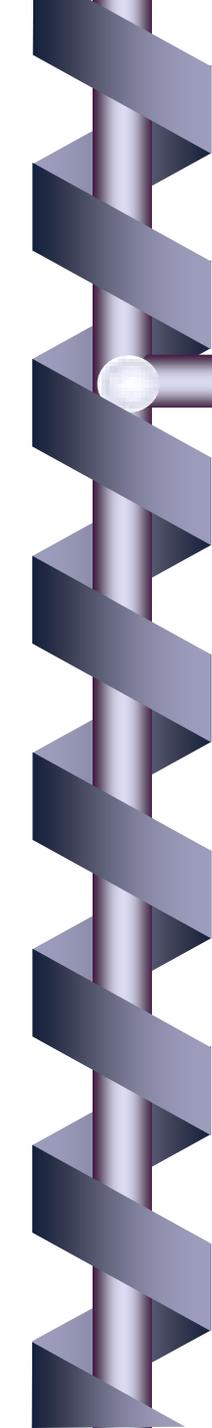
Conservation Education

Air Quality

On Farm Energy Audit Implementation

Grant Programs

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PROGRAM FOCUS

Initial Focus on the Federal
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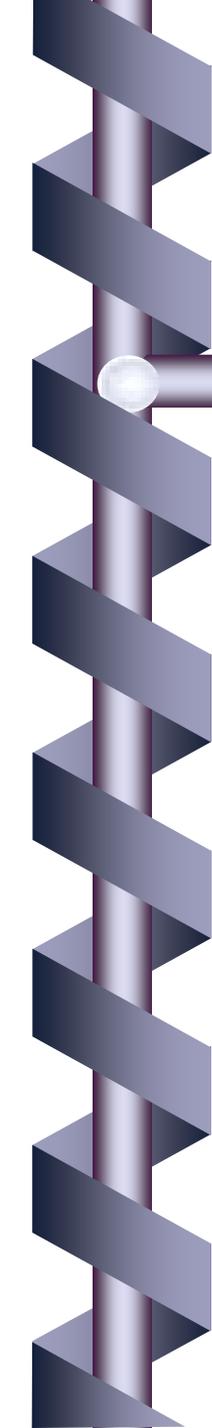






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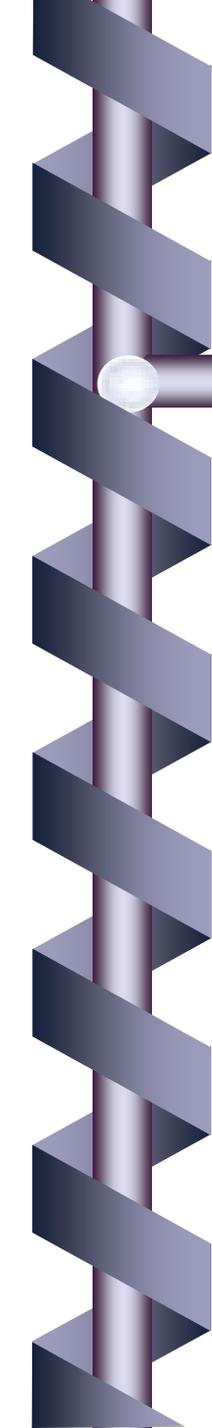
CONSERVATION EDUCATION

- Conservation Plan Development
- Design and Implementation Assistance









Grant Programs

Livestock and Crop Conservation Grant Program





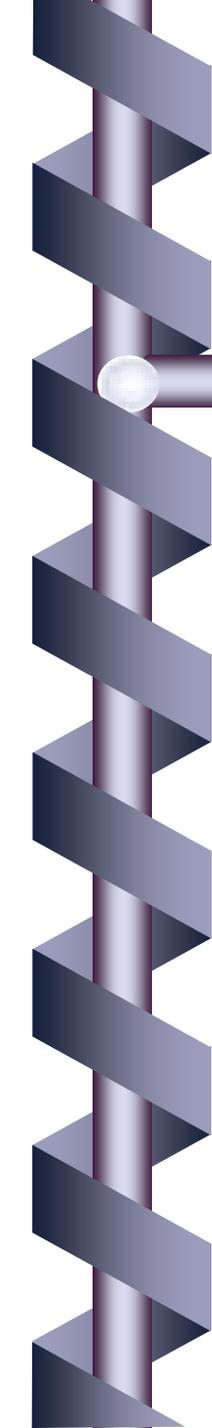






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Grant Programs

Specialty Crop Block
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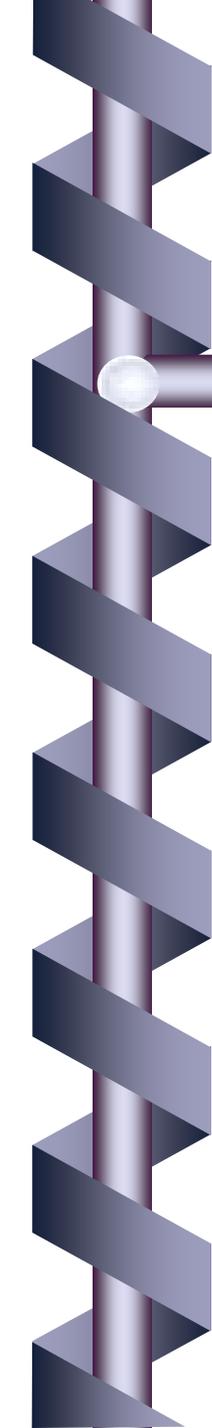
An Arizona Certified Nursery Professional (ACNP) has successfully completed an extensive training program which includes classroom study and a comprehensive exam.

Ask an ACNP about...

- plant selection
- fertilizers
- irrigation
- soil preparation
- weed control
- xeriscape
- planting methods
- landscape design

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Councils, Commission and Board Administrative Support

- Citrus Research Council
- Iceberg Lettuce Research Council
- Grain Research and Promotion Council
- Agricultural Employment Relations Board
- Agricultural Protection Commission

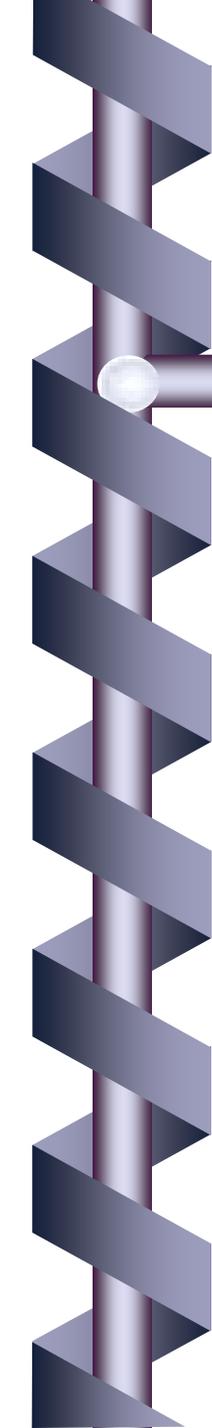












History of GAP/GHP Audits

1998 - FDA and USDA issue "*The Guide to Minimize Microbial Food Safety Hazards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables*"

Wholesalers want assurance

Shippers and Growers approach USDA to develop an audit system

Result: GAP/GHP Audit system was developed by USDA and FDA

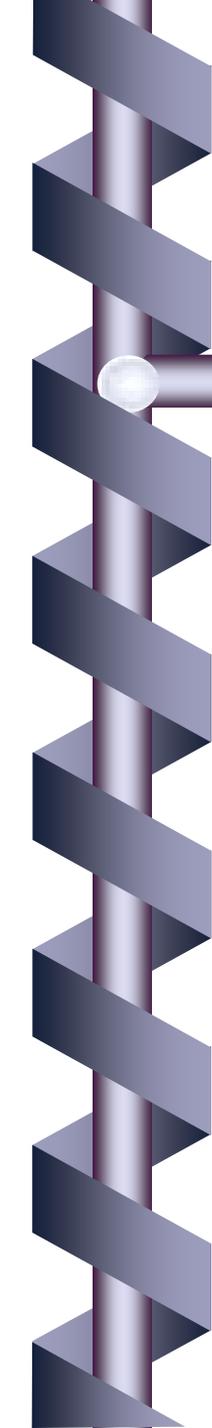
Audits

Six components

Plus a general questions section that must be passed first in order to move on to one or all of the six components

Must score a minimum of 80 to pass

A+



Seven Components

General Questions (all audits)

Part 1: Farm Review

Part 2: Field Harvesting & Field Packing

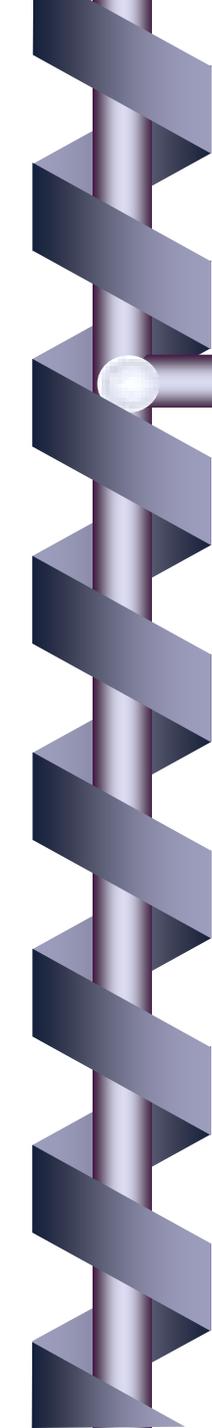
Part 3: House Packing Facilities

Part 4: Storage and Transportation

Part 6: Wholesale Distribution/Warehouse

Part 7: Preventative Food Security Procedures

Traceback questions are incorporated into each component.



Air Quality

- Agricultural PM10 Dust Management
- Best Management Practices
- Federal, State and Local Regulations















PROGRAM PROMOTION



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*"After having the
Agricultural Consultation
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evaluate my operation,
I am confident I know
how to stay in
compliance with state
rules, regulations,
policies and federal
mandates the ADA
administers."*

Mike Berglund, owner
Desert Winds Nursery

- On site visits with compliance assistance
- Written report including recommendations

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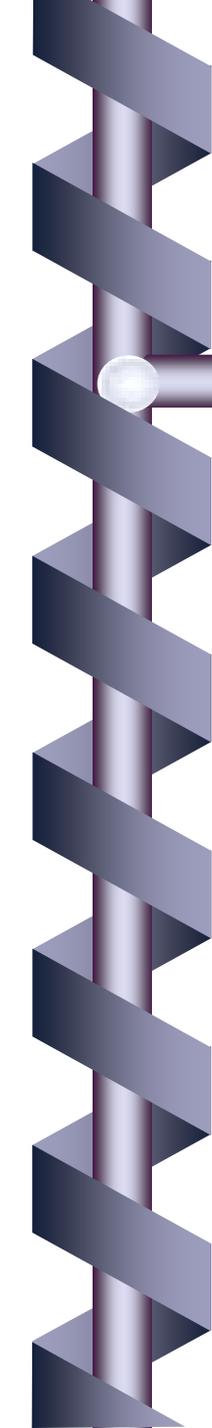
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