The Farm Assurance Specialists
SAI Global is the premier Assurance company in agriculture and food supply chains, providing farmers, retailers, manufacturers, and allied industries, throughout the world, with expert farm assurance to ensure that the highest standards are maintained. By working with SAI Global, you are choosing one of the world’s largest improvement organisations.

**Farm Assurance**
Membership of the Schemes inspected and certified by SAI Global enables you to assure customers, retailers and consumers of the high quality of your agriculture production. It will help you secure markets as the Standards are designed to meet retailer requirements.

**Our Farm Assurance Schemes Cover the Following Areas:**
- Ensuring the production of safe and hygienic primary products.
- Storage and use of medicines, veterinary treatments, fertilisers and crop protection products.
- Housing and handling facilities.
- Transport of livestock.
- Compliance with current legislation and awareness of all relevant codes of practice.
- Identification and traceability.
- Respect and protection of the environment.
- Minimisation of pesticides residues.
- Feed composition.
- Specified sustainable agriculture.
- Animal welfare.

**Benefits of SAI Global**

**Farm Assurance**

- Schemes are independently assessed giving total confidence in their integrity.
- Our portfolio of Schemes enables you to consolidate all your Farm Assurance needs in a single visit, reducing time and overall costs.
- Earned recognition may help to reduce the need for other types of inspections.
- Our Farm Inspectors will understand your circumstances, through experience and training, to help your audit run smoothly.
- Expert agriculture Scheme Managers work closely with industry stakeholders to answer all your technical questions. Our client services team are available to help with any of your queries.
- Membership may lead to a wider market and a premium price.
- Most established farm assurance provider.
**SAI Global** offers livestock producers a wide range of schemes and standards to help them market their products.

Red Tractor Farm Assurance (RTFA)
Global GAP (G.G)
Conservation Grade
Retailer Specific Standards
Red Tractor Turkey
Livestock Feed
SAI Global Duck Standard, Red Tractor Poultry

The standards are designed to encompass and, in parts exceed the requirements of existing legislations and codes of practice.

SAI Global’s Beef and Lamb schemes allows you to demonstrate that standards of husbandry and animal welfare on your farm meet nationally agreed levels of best practice, and gives an assurance to the consumers that the product is safe and traceable. Abattoirs and retailers are increasingly specifying Beef and Lamb must be from an assured farm.

The standard also covers environmental protection, medicine use and feed.

**PIGS**
Both conventionally and less intensively farmed pigs are under continuous public scrutiny. Membership of the RTFA Pig scheme demonstrates your farming commitment to achieving the levels of animal welfare that consumers are increasingly demanding. Participation builds confidence and a secure future to British Pig Farming.

**POULTRY**
Designed to drive continuing improvements in food safety and animal welfare standards in chicken, turkey and duck production.

Red Tractor Turkey, Duck Assurance Scheme and RTFA Chicken scheme continually strive to upgrade the already tough standards and to achieve consistency across the industry. The standards are designed to cover the whole life of the bird up to the point of processing.

**DAIRY**
Membership of the RTFA Dairy Scheme demonstrates compliance with the standards throughout the process of farm milk production, from hygiene and food safety, through housing and facilities plant and equipment to herd health, animal welfare and stockmanship.

**DEER**
Membership of SAI Global’s deer scheme, endorsed by the British Deer Farmers Association allows you to demonstrate that standards of husbandry and welfare on your farm meet nationally agreed levels of best practice, and gives confidence to the consumer that the product is safe.

**RSPCA FREEDOM FOOD**
All RSPCA inspections are now carried out directly by the standard owner. However SAI Global has the largest livestock assurance schemes available and has an excellent relationship with the RSPCA and can conduct the appropriate Red Tractor Scheme Audit that compliments the RSPCA.

**LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT**
The Red Tractor Assurance livestock transport scheme focuses on ensuring that the traceability of animals continues from the farm gate and that animal welfare is maintained during the journey and that vehicles are cleaned, so that all meat produced is safe.

The Standard includes sections on:
- Driver training.
- Identification and traceability.
- Driving, loading/unloading vehicles.
- Stocking densities.
- Provision of bedding.
- Fitness of animals.
- Cleanliness.
- Ventilation.
- Vehicle operating procedures.
LIVESTOCK AUCTION MARKET AND COLLECTION CENTRES
The Red Tractor Assurance Scheme sets out Standards of best practice for livestock market and collection centre operators and is an integral link in the Assurance chain for livestock (following on from the assured farm and assured transport). The standard focuses on ensuring that the traceability of the animals continues and that animal welfare is maintained throughout the duration of the market or collection centre.

GLOBAL FARM ASSURANCE
SAI Global together with GlobalG.A.P offers an integrated Farm Assurance Standard (IFA) which is relevant to producers worldwide, farming all enterprises, including cattle, sheep, chickens, turkeys, pigs, dairy, aquaculture and a variety of covered crops.

The standard has been developed to facilitate producers globally to achieve a level of assurance in one farm standard.

SAI Global links the environment with farming in a series of specific environment assessments either separately or as part of the other Standards already discussed (incorporating the principles of integrated farm management.) These audits include:

EASY FARM ENERGY AUDIT
SAI Global in conjunction with the Farm Energy Centre (FEC) offer the voluntary EASY (Energy Assessment scheme Yearly) scheme to help UK dairy farmers gain more efficient energy and carbon footprint. A simple pre-visit questionnaire, followed by a farm visit, together with the farmer, using an exclusive audit protocol will gather observation and measurements to provide a comprehensive analysis and plan for energy efficiency improvements.

IPPC PIGS AND POULTRY
SAI Global delivers the IPPC Pig and Poultry Assurance Scheme on behalf of the Environment Agency (EA). The Scheme enables farms defined as low risk by the EA to receive Assurance style data collection visits from SAI Global Farm Assurance Assessors, instead of annual inspections by EA. This reduces the requirements for the EA to give each farm a full separate annual audit.

LEAF MARQUE
LEAF Marque is a standards system that delivers sustainable food and farming through the adoption of LEAF’s Integrated Farm Management and gives the consumer the power to buy sustainable food by choosing the LEAF Marque label.
THE LEAF MARQUE IS NOT JUST ANOTHER FARM ASSURANCE SCHEME - IT OFFERS SO MUCH MORE!

What are the tangible benefits of becoming LEAF Marque accredited?

- Farmers prove their commitment to high standards of food production by carrying out Integrated Farm Management (IFM).
- IFM brings benefits to wildlife, reduces the risk of pollution and helps LEAF farmers demonstrate their environmental credentials, whilst growing food with respect for the environment.
- LEAF Marque will enable farms to continual improve their sustainable farming practices.
- The LEAF Marque is seen as an ethical label representing sustainable food.
- Many large retailers, including supermarkets, food processing and food service companies, are keen to do business with LEAF Marque farmers. The LEAF logo appears on retailers and caterers shelves, providing a clear indicator of high environmental standards in food production, as well as giving customers reassurance.

To be LEAF Marque certified you must first join LEAF.

LEAF Marque links in with most other farm assurance schemes.

ORGANIC

SAI Global has relationships with established organic certification bodies to offer certification to this special market place.
**COMBINABLE CROPS AND SUGAR BEET**

RTFA British combinable crops and sugar beet products are world class, grown on farms that are managed by well-qualified, caring and highly professional farmers.

Crops covered by the Scheme include wheat, barley and rye, oilseeds such as linseed and rapeseed, pulses such as peas and beans and most recently, sugar beet. The scheme was set up in 1998 to address food safety concerns and the quality requirements of different buyers, especially millers and bakers. These crops are widely used in food and drinks, milling wheat for flour and malting barley for beer and whisky. Many are used in animal feeds for livestock.

Separate sugar beet Standards are incorporated with the Assurance Standards for combinable crops into a single set of standards for combinable crops and sugar beet. Many farm crops visits are for combined audits with Beef and Lamb, produce and other schemes.

**FRESH PRODUCE**

RTFA fresh produce is world class. It is produced on farms that are managed by well-qualified, caring highly professional growers.

The Scheme, uniquely, offers individual crop protocols for 50 different fresh produce crops. These protocols are publically available and a source of information for the agricultural industry around the globe as a guide to safe food production.

The Red Tractor Farm Assurance Standards for fruit, vegetables and salad crops address the concerns of consumers that farm produce should be carefully grown, responsibly harvested and safe to eat. The Red Tractor Farm Assurance Standards require scientifically based integrated crop management and good horticultural practice, with an emphasis on reducing the use of pesticides to guarantee high quality food and environmental protection. Red Tractor Assurance also believes it is important to know where your food comes from and can trace all Red Tractor Assurance farmers’ fresh produce back to its field of origin.

A Fresh Produce Audit may well be accompanied by other specific produce schemes such as GlobalG.A.P and LEAF, as well as specific retailer programs like Tesco Nurture and McDonalds.

**TESCO NURTURE**

Nurture is an exclusive independently audited scheme to Tesco. It is dedicated to ensuring all Tesco fruit and vegetables are grown to environmental and responsible standards.
BY ADHERING TO THE NURTURE STANDARD GROWERS:

- Ensure they can trace all our products back to source.
- Grow and select the highest quality fruit and vegetables available.
- Demonstrate a commitment to protecting wildlife and landscape conservation.
- Encourage sustainable farming practices, such as use of energy, natural resources and recycling.
- Rational use of artificial pesticides and fertilisers with manures, champion the use of natural methods, such as solar radiation of soils to eradicate pests.

Ensure all their staff are treated in a responsible manner.

GLOBALG.A.P

G.A.P. stands for Good Agricultural Practice – and GLOBALG.A.P. Is the worldwide standard that assures it.

GlobalG.A.P is a not-for-profit organisation with a crucial objective: safe, sustainable agricultural production worldwide.

One of the most important areas that GlobalG.A.P covers is Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (GlobalG.A.P FV). With more than 400 certified products and over 130,000 certified producers in more than 110 countries, it has a sound foundation that is both solid enough to build trust and integrity and flexible enough to spur innovation and excellence:

GlobalG.A.P globally connects farmers and brand owners in the production and marketing of safe food to achieve:

- A universal standard.
- Safe and sustainable food for everyone, everywhere, today and in the future.
- Safe production methods.
- Responsible use of resources.
- Welfare of workers and animals.
- Protection of scarce resources.
- Easier certification and wider markets for producers.
- Reliable sourcing and processing for retailers.
- Valuable reassurance for consumers.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INSPECTION

The GLOBALG.A.P. Fruit & Vegetables Standard covers all stages of production, from pre-harvest activities such as soil management and plant protection product application to post-harvest produce handling, packing and storing.

The Fruit & Vegetables Standard covers:

- Soil Management.
- Substrates.
- Pre-Harvest controls for plant protection product application.
- Organic fertilizer application.
- Pre-Harvest check.
- Harvesting.
- Final produce packing at point of harvest.
- Produce handling covering hygiene.
- Sanitary facilities.
- Packing and storage areas.
- Quality control.
- Pest control.
- Post-Harvest washing.
- Post-Harvest treatment.
EXCEPTIONAL AUDITORS
Our auditors understand that the application of the Standards can be quite different in small, medium and large organisations, and are trained to assess your system in a way that will be appropriate to your business. Our customers choose us because they know we’re a partner they can depend on and trust. Year after year clients continue to work with us because they value the insight that their auditor gives to their business. Registration is more than a certificate; it’s an opportunity to make your business improve for the better, and SAI Global partners with customers to ensure they receive the most from their audit.

COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING
We offer a breadth of learning options that meet genuine market needs, delivered via a wide range of modes to suit our client’s requirements. While our courses and methods are continually updated to ensure that they are relevant and engaging, what remains constant is the value and solid outcomes they deliver our clients. Visit our website on www.saitraining.com for course descriptions and dates.

ONGOING SUPPORT
SAI Global’s commitment to serving your organisations continues long after you receive your certificate.

Our pledge to support your continual improvements includes:

- Ongoing learning opportunities, such as free webinars that focus on continual improvements,
- Auditors across EMEA, offering local support in many markets, from auditors with experience in highly technical and specialist industries.

As an international certification leader, SAI Global has the ability to audit a wide range of Management System Standards. In addition to our market leadership in food safety. Not only can we help your organisation with farm auditing and certification, but our experts in food safety, the environment, aerospace, automotive, medical devices, health and safety, as well as many other industries, are ready to help as your business continues to grow and change.

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