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We are aware that Virginia farmers might have seen market disruptions in their normal distribution since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing. However, our produce retailers and wholesalers are requesting more local Virginia-grown produce, as they continue to develop “local” produce programs in stores this year. In an effort to satisfy this demand and to assist with possible market disruption in some segments, we ask that producers who might have lost markets reach out to the VDACS Regional Specialists listed below so that we may assist in connecting buyers and sellers more efficiently.

If you are a GAP-certified Virginia produce grower with products to sell, we want to know. VDACS Office of Domestic Marketing will be collecting information from producers and reaching out to major retailers.

Who needs to call? Virginia farmers with GAP certification and produce available for purchase.

What information do I need to provide? Farm name, contact person, phone number, email address, product type, availability dates, GAP certification information, and whether the product is conventional or organic.

Where should I call? Find the appropriate contact in your region below.

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