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PRODUCE PURPOSE, EMPLOYER OF SPECIAL NEEDS HYDROPONIC FARMERS,
PASSES AUDIT FOR GAP CERTIFICATION; NOW SODEXO VENDOR

For Immediate Release

Raleigh, NC; August 30th, 2025 - Produce Purpose Inc., a nonprofit, has passed a food safety audit administered by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and ultimately certified by the USDA. In doing so, Produce Purpose has achieved Harmonized GAP certification, widely considered to be the gold standard of agricultural food safety. The hydroponics nonprofit, an employer of special needs farmers, hosted an inspector from the NCDA for the audit on August 14th, 2025 at its Peace Produce site.

“The North Carolina Department of Agriculture representative conducted this audit in a most thorough manner, where every aspect of our operation was scrutinized,” said Matthew Harvey, Produce Purpose’s Executive Director. “The auditor was the consummate professional as his dedication to food safety and his expertise in agriculture were on full display. We were proud to have him evaluate our comprehensive Food Safety Plan and to have him witness our execution of that plan. We are especially proud that we received the highest score of 100% in both Scopes of Audit.”

In achieving this certification, Produce Purpose is now an official vendor of Sedoxo. This in turn enables Produce Purpose to begin distributing its healthy, ultra-fresh produce to William Peace University’s on-campus dining.

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