





**C.O.P.A.** is the acronym of Cooperative Horticulturists Associate Producers, it was born in 1976 in Canino, a small and pretty town in the centre of Italy (nord of Rome), near Tuscany. Today this structure represents the core of the vegetables production area and the most important vegetable product is green asparagus.

In the last years members of cooperative have increased continuously surfaces cultivated with asparagus plants. There are now some 250 hectares of area planted with asparagus, with an annual production that exceeds the 10.000 quintals of asparagus. Canino Green Asparagus is a vegetable used for food fresh, in fact, asparagus are collected every morning by the farmers. In just 24 hours asparagus are conferred in cooperative, packaged and shipped to our customers, It's also thanks to this speed and organization that asparagus marketed by C.O.P.A. always comes fresh, turgid, bright and fragrant to the customer.

The production of asparagus follows a strict production regulations, which marries techniques and principles of integrated agricultural management. The C.O.P.A. uses a calibration and packing asparagus machine, to obtain the best quality produce in terms of homogeneity of the asparagus present in bunches.

Overall activity C.O.P.A. includes processing, packaging and marketing of green asparagus and all the other fruits and vegetables given by the producer members, in addition, also includes the provision of technical assistance to members of the companies and the supply of raw materials and technical resources for growing.

Currently, the members of C.O.P.A. cultivates about 300 hectares of land planted with vegetables, which included cultivation of melon, watermelon, tomato, zucchini, potatoes, artichokes, cauliflower, fennel, strawberry, pepper and eggplant.



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The Cooperative Horticulturists Associate Producer of Canino has been certified GLOBAL GAP for asparagus, melon and watermelon production. Certifying the product according to the GLOBAL GAP standard, is very important to ensure and guarantee the production of vegetables in accordance with principles of good agricultural practice, subject to the disciplinary of integrated production with reduced use of chemicals formulas. Producing in according to the standard GLOBAL GAP also means preserve environment and its resources, care of health and safety of the farmers and respect the most strict hygiene standards and rules.