

Food and Drug Administration Pesticide Program Residue Monitoring 2002



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This document is the sixteenth annual report summarizing the results of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) pesticide residue monitoring program. Eight of the fifteen previous reports were published in the *Journal of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists/Journal of AOAC International*; these presented results from Fiscal Years (FY) 1987 through 1994. Results from FY 1995 through FY 2001 were published on FDA's World Wide Web site. This report includes findings obtained during FY 2002 (October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002) under regulatory and incidence/level monitoring. Selected Total Diet Study findings for 2002 are also presented. Results in this and earlier reports continue to demonstrate that levels of pesticide residues in the U.S. food supply are well below established safety standards.

FDA Monitoring Program

Three federal government agencies share responsibility for the regulation of pesticides. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registers (*i.e.*, approves) the use of pesticides and sets tolerances (the maximum amounts of residues that are permitted in or on a food) if use of a particular pesticide may result in residues in or on food (1). Except for meat, poultry, and certain egg products, for which the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible, FDA is charged with enforcing tolerances in imported foods and in domestic foods shipped in interstate commerce. FDA also acquires incidence/level data on particular commodity/pesticide combinations and carries out its market basket survey, the Total Diet Study. Since 1991, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), through contracts with participating states, has carried out a residue testing program directed at raw agricultural products and various processed foods. FSIS and AMS report their pesticide residue data independently.

Regulatory Monitoring

FDA samples individual lots of domestically produced and imported foods and analyzes them for pesticide residues to enforce the tolerances set by EPA. Domestic samples are collected as close as possible to the point of production in the distribution system; import samples are collected at the point of entry into U.S. commerce. Emphasis is on the raw agricultural product, which is analyzed as the unwashed, whole (unpeeled), raw commodity. Processed foods are also included. If illegal residues (above EPA tolerance or no tolerance for a given food/pesticide combination) are found in domestic samples, FDA can invoke various sanctions, such as a seizure or injunction. For imports, shipments may be stopped at the port of entry when illegal residues are found. "Detention without physical examination" (previously called automatic detention) may be invoked for imports based on the finding of one violative shipment if there is reason to believe that the same situation will exist in future lots during the same shipping season for a specific shipper, grower, geographic area, or country.

Factors considered by FDA in planning the types and numbers of samples to collect include review of recently generated state and FDA residue data, regional intelligence on pesticide use, dietary importance of the food, information on the amount of domestic food that enters interstate commerce and of imported food, chemical characteristics and toxicity of the pesticide, and production volume/pesticide usage patterns.

Analytical Methods

To analyze the large numbers of samples whose pesticide treatment history is usually unknown, FDA uses analytical methods capable of simultaneously determining a number of pesticide residues. These multiresidue methods (MRMs) can determine about half of the approximately 400 pesticides with EPA tolerances, and many others that have no tolerances. The most commonly used MRMs can also detect many metabolites, impurities, and alteration products of pesticides (2).

Single residue methods (SRMs) or selective MRMs are used to determine some pesticide residues in foods (2). An SRM usually determines one pesticide; a selective MRM measures a relatively small number of chemically related pesticides. This type of methods is usually more resource-intensive per residue. Therefore, SRMs are much less cost effective than MRMs.

The lower limit of residue measurement in FDA's determination of a specific pesticide is usually well below tolerance levels, which generally range from 0.1 to 50 parts per million (ppm). Residues present at 0.01 ppm and above are usually measurable; however, for individual pesticides, this limit may range from 0.005 to 1 ppm. In this report, the term "trace" is used to indicate residues detected, but at levels below the limit of quantitation (LOQ).

FDA/State Cooperation

FDA field offices interact with their counterparts in many states to increase FDA's effectiveness in pesticide residue monitoring. Memoranda of Understanding or more formal Partnership Agreements have been established between FDA and various state agencies. These agreements provide for more efficient monitoring by broadening coverage and eliminating duplication of effort, thereby maximizing federal and state resources allocated for pesticide activities. These arrangements vary from data sharing, joint planning, and state collection of samples for FDA examination, to FDA/State division of collection, analytical, and enforcement follow-up responsibilities for individual commodities or products of particular origin (*i.e.*, imported *vs.* domestic products).

Animal Feeds

In addition to monitoring foods for human consumption, FDA also samples and analyzes domestic and imported feeds for pesticide residues. FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) directs this portion of the Agency's monitoring via its Feed Contaminants Compliance Program. Although animal feeds containing violative pesticide residues may present a potential hazard to a number of different categories of animals (*e.g.*, laboratory animals, pets, wildlife, etc.), CVM's monitoring focuses on feeds for livestock and poultry, animals that ultimately become, or produce, foods for human consumption.

International Activities











FDA participates in several international agreements in an effort to minimize incidents of violative residues and to remove trade barriers. A standing request for information from foreign governments on pesticides used on their food exported to the U.S. exists, a provision of the Pesticide Monitoring Improvements Act.

FDA continues to collaborate with the New Zealand Food Safety Authority to implement the Residue Compliance Assurance Program. New Zealand has a history of excellent compliance with U.S. pesticide tolerances, and the Program is the means whereby its government assures that selected commodities exported to the U.S. by the exporters covered under the Program are in full compliance with U.S. tolerances.

FDA collaborates with the government of Spain to assure the prevention of exports to the U.S. of Spanish clementines and other mandarins containing illegal pesticide residues.

FDA and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) implemented the Action Plan on Food Safety in 2000. The Action Plan has expanded to the area of pesticide residues in food in 2002. The intent of the Action Plan on pesticide residues is to facilitate entry of the selected fresh produce from growers/shippers/responsible parties identified by CFIA as being in compliance with U.S. tolerances.

Under the auspices of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the U.S., Mexico, and Canada have established a NAFTA Technical Working Group on Pesticides (TWG). The TWG reports directly to the NAFTA Sanitary and Phytosanitary Committee. One of the major goals of the TWG is to ensure that pesticide registrations and tolerances/maximum residue limits in the three countries are harmonized to the extent practical, while strengthening protection of public health and the environment. A number of projects has been undertaken by the TWG to identify differing residue limits in the NAFTA countries and to determine what steps might be taken to harmonize the limits. While this process is difficult, the TWG envisions eventual movement toward a "North America" pesticide registration and tolerance system so that citizens of all three countries can be assured of the safety and legality of foods produced in any one of the NAFTA countries.

Incidence/Level Monitoring

FDA's pesticide program includes incidence/level monitoring to complement regulatory monitoring. This approach increases FDA's knowledge about particular pesticide/commodity combinations. In 2002, FDA completed one special assignment, to measure the levels, at the lowest possible detectable limits, of organophosphate pesticides in fruits and vegetables for dietary risk assessment.

Total Diet Study

The Total Diet Study is the other major element of FDA's pesticide residue monitoring program (3). In its previous annual pesticide reports, FDA provided Total Diet Study findings for 1987-1998 (4a, 4b). More detailed information, including estimated dietary intakes of pesticide residues covering June 1984-April 1986 (5) and July 1986-April 1991 (6), has been published. In September 1991, FDA implemented revisions to the Total Diet Study that were formulated in 1990 (7). These revisions primarily consisted of collection and analysis of an updated and expanded number of food items, addition of six age/sex groups (for a total of 14), and revised analytical coverage. Details of that revision are published (8, 9).

In conducting the Total Diet Study, FDA personnel purchase foods from supermarkets or grocery stores four times per year, once from each of four geographic regions of the country. The 257 or 258 foods that comprise each of the 4 market baskets represent over 3,500 different foods reported in USDA food consumption surveys; for example, apple pie represents all fruit pies and fruit pastries. Each market basket is a composite of like foods purchased in three cities in a given region. The foods are prepared table-ready and then analyzed for pesticide residues (as well as radionuclides, industrial chemicals, toxic elements, trace and macro elements, and folic acid). The levels of pesticides found are used in conjunction with USDA food consumption data to estimate the dietary intakes of the pesticide residues.

Results and Discussion

Regulatory Monitoring

Under regulatory monitoring, 6,766 samples were analyzed. Of these 2,122 were domestic and 4,644 were imports.

Figure 1 shows the percentage of the 2,122 domestic samples by commodity group with no residues found, nonviolative residues found, and violative residues found. (A violative residue is defined in this report as a residue which exceeds a tolerance or a residue at a level of regulatory significance for which no tolerance has been established in the sampled food.)

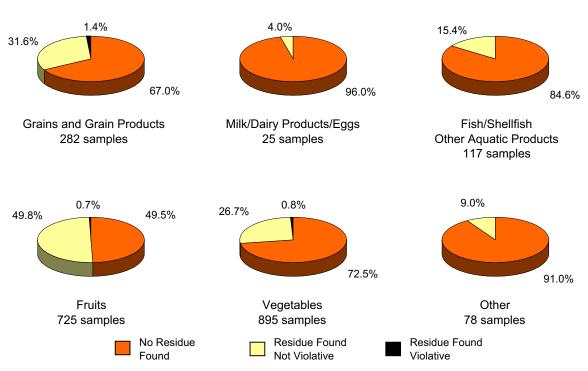


Figure 1. Summary of Results of Domestic Samples by Commodity

As in earlier years, fruits and vegetables accounted for the largest proportion of the commodities analyzed in 2002; those two commodity groups comprised 76.3% of the total number of domestic samples. In 2002, no violative residues were found in 99.2% of all domestic samples (99.1% in 1996, 98.8% in 1997, 99.2 % in 1998, 99.2% in 1999, 99.3% in 2000, 98.9% in 2001).

Appendix A contains more detailed data on domestic monitoring findings by commodity, including the total number of samples analyzed, the percent samples with no residues found, and the percent violative samples. Of the 2,122 domestic samples, 65.5% had no detectable residues and 0.8% had violative residues. In the largest commodity groups, fruits and vegetables, 49.5% and 72.5% of the samples, respectively, had no residues detected; 0.7% of the fruit samples and 0.8% of the vegetable samples contained violative residues (Figure 1). In the grains and grain products group, 67.0% of the samples had no residues detected, and 1.4% had violative residues. In the fish/shellfish/other aquatic products group, 84.6% had no detectable residues, and no violative residues were found. In the milk/dairy products/eggs group, 96.0% of the samples had no residues detected, and no violative residues were found. A total of 15 samples of baby foods or formula was analyzed (see category Other). This total included 6 vegetable, 3 cereal, and 3 fruit juice samples. None of the samples had violative residues.

Findings by commodity group for the 4,644 import samples are shown in Figure 2. Fruits and vegetables accounted for 85.1% of these samples. Overall, no violative residues were found in 95.7% of the import samples (97.4% in 1996, 98.4% in 1997, 97.0% in 1998, 96.9% in 1999, 96.2% in 2000, 95.2% in 2001).

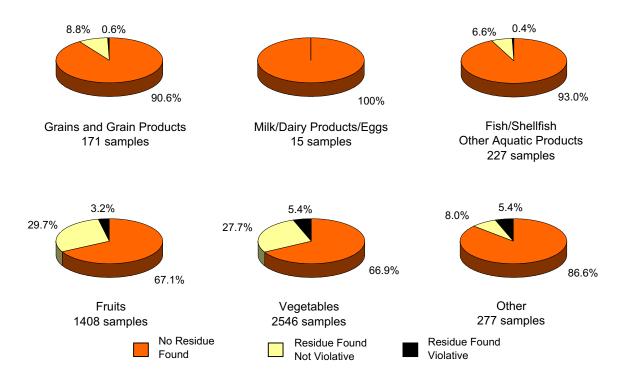


Figure 2. Summary of Results of Import Samples by Commodity

Appendix B contains detailed data on the import samples. Of the 4,644 samples analyzed, 70.4% had no residues detected, and 4.3% had violative residues. Fruits and vegetables had 67.1% and 66.9%, respectively, with no residues detected. The fruit group and the vegetable group had 3.2% and 5.4%, respectively, with violative residues. No residues were found in any (100.0%) of the milk/dairy products/eggs group and in 93.0% of the fish/shellfish group; no violative residues were found in the milk/dairy products/eggs group, and 0.4% of the fish/shellfish group samples were violative. In the grains and grain products group, 90.6% had no detectable residues, and 0.6% had violative residues.

Pesticide monitoring data collected under FDA's regulatory monitoring approach in 2002 are available to the public as a computer database. This database summarizes FDA 2002 regulatory monitoring coverage and findings by country/commodity/pesticide combination. The database also includes the monitoring data by individual sample from which the summary information was compiled. Information on how to obtain this database as well as those for 1992–2001 is provided at the end of this report.

Geographic Coverage

Domestic. A total of 2,122 domestic samples was collected in 2002 from 39 states (no samples were collected from Tennessee, Alabama, West Virginia, Hawaii, Nevada, Vermont, Connecticut, Maine, Mississippi, Arkansas, or New Hampshire) and from Puerto Rico. The largest numbers of samples were collected from those states that are the largest producers of fruits and vegetables. Table 1 lists numbers of domestic samples from each location, in descending order of numbers of samples.

Table 1. Domestic S	amples Collected and Analy	yzed, by State ^a , in 2002
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California	216	Illinois	73	Indiana	35	Nebraska	17
Louisiana	210	Colorado	58	Ohio	31	Kentucky	14
Washington	206	Idaho	48	Wyoming	30	North Dakota	13
Wisconsin	120	Iowa	45	Michigan	30	Rhode Island	11
Florida	107	Virginia	43	North Carolina	27	Delaware	8
Oregon	105	Montana	42	Maryland	25	Massachusetts	7
New York	90	Pennsylvania	41	Arizona	25	Oklahoma	7
Missouri	90	Utah	40	New Jersey	23	Alaska	5
Texas	84	Kansas	37	New Mexico	20	South Dakota	2
Minnesota	74	Georgia	35	South Carolina	20		

^{*}Other domestic samples: Puerto Rico, 8 samples.

Import. A total of 4,644 samples representing food shipments from 100 countries was collected. (The origin of some additional samples was unspecified.) Table 2 lists numbers of samples collected from each country. Mexico, as usual, was the source of the largest number of samples, reflecting the volume and diversity of commodities imported from that country, especially during the winter months.

Domestic/Import Violation Rate Comparison

In 2002, 2,122 domestic and 4,644 import samples were collected and analyzed. Pesticide residues were detected in 34.5% of the domestic samples and in 29.6% of the import samples. Only 0.8% of the domestic samples and only 4.3% of the import samples were violative. Among grains and grain products, the violation rate was 1.4% domestic *vs.* 0.6% import. No violations were found in the milk/dairy products/eggs group or the fish/shellfish/other aquatic products group among domestic samples; of import samples, none of the milk/dairy products/eggs group and 0.4% of fish/shellfish/other aquatic products group were violative. Of domestic fruits, 0.7% were violative; of import fruits, the violation rate was 3.2%. Of vegetables, 0.8% of domestic samples and 5.4% of import samples were violative. In the category "Other" the rates for domestic and import samples were, respectively, 0.0% and 5.4%. The overall rate of violations is approximately one domestic violation for five import violations. Of the violative samples, none of the domestic ones and 13 of the import ones contained pesticide residues at levels which exceeded the tolerance for the given chemical in the given commodity. The remainder of the violative samples contained pesticide residues which were not registered in the U.S. for use in the commodities in which they were found; 16 domestic samples and 188 import samples fell in this category.

Pesticide Coverage

Table 3 lists the 266 pesticides that were detectable by the methods used; each of the 129 pesticides that were actually found is indicated by an asterisk.

FDA conducts ongoing research to expand the pesticide coverage of its monitoring program. This research includes testing the behavior of new or previously untested pesticides through existing analytical methods, and development of new methods to cover pesticides that cannot be determined by methods currently used by FDA. The research encompasses both U.S.-registered pesticides and foreign-use pesticides that are not registered in the U.S. The list of pesticides detectable for 2002 (Table 3) reflects the addition of a number of pesticides whose recovery through the analytical methods used was demonstrated as a result of ongoing research.

Table 2. Foreign Countries and Number of Samples Collected and Analyzed in 2002

Mexico	1891	France	32
China, Peoples Rep.	228	Honduras	31
Chile	227	Korea, Rep. of (South)	30
Netherlands (Holland)	205	Australia	29
Canada	164	Israel	29
Spain (inc. Canary Is.)	153	Jamaica	27
Guatemala	131	Philippines	25
Dominican Republic	103	Colombia	22
Thailand	97	Lebanon	22
India	90	El Salvador	21
Peru	87	Taiwan, Republic of	19
Costa Rica	86	Indonesia	18
Poland	79	Iran	18
Ecuador	72	Unspecified	18
Turkey	66	Egypt	17
Viet-Nam, Rep. of	66	Germany, Federal Rep.	16
Belgium	58	New Zealand	16
Brazil	52	Nicaragua	13
Argentina	43	Pakistan	13
Italy	40	Hungary	12
Greece	36	Russia	11
South Africa	36		

Ten or fewer samples collected from the following:

Algeria	Ireland	Saudi Arabia
Armenia	Japan	Slovakia
Bangladesh	Jordan	Slovenia
Belize	Kampuchea	Sri Lanka
Bolivia	Kuwait	St. Lucia
Bulgaria	Lithuania	Sweden
Cameroon	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Croatia	Macedonia	Syrian Arab Republic
Cyprus	Malawi	Tanzania, United Republic of
Denmark	Malaysia	Trinidad & Tobago
Dominica	Mauritius	Tunisia
Estonia	Moldova (Moldavia)	United Arab Emirates
Ethiopia	Morocco	United Kingdom
Fiji	Myanmar (Burma)	Uruguay
Finland	Norway	Vanuatu
Ghana	Oman	Venezuela
Guadeloupe	Panama	Western Samoa
Haiti	Paraguay	Yugoslavia
Hong Kong	Portugal (inc. Azores)	-
Iceland	Romania	

Table 3. Pesticides Detectable and Found (*) by Methods Used in 2002 Regulatory Monitoring^{a,b}

butralin 1-naphthol* diazinon* 2,3,5,6-tetrachloroaniline* captafol dichlobenil* captan* 2,4-dichloro-6-nitro= dichlofenthion carbaryl* benzenamine dichlofluanid* carbofuran* 2,6-dichlorobenzamide dichlone carbophenothion 2-methoxy-3,5,6dichlorvos* carboxin trichloropyridine diclofop-methyl 4-(dichloroacetyl)-1-oxacarfentrazone ethyl ester dicloran* chlorbenside 4-azaspiro[4.5]decane dicofol* 4-cyclohexene-1,2chlorbromuron dicrotophos* chlordane* dicarboximide, cis* dieldrin* chlordecone acephate* difenoconazole* chlordimeform acetochlor Dilan acibenzolar-S-methyl chlorethoxyfos dimethoate* acrinathrin chlorfenvinphos* dinitramine chlornitrofen alachlor dinocap chlorobenzilate aldicarb* dioxathion chloroneb aldrin diphenylamine* chloropropylate allethrin* disulfoton* chlorothalonil* alpha-cypermethrin endosulfan* chlorpropham* ametryn endrin* chlorpyrifos* amitraz* **EPN** chlorpyrifos-methyl* anilazine **EPTC** chlorthiophos Aramite esfenvalerate* clodinafop-propargyl atrazine ethalfluralin coumaphos azinphos-ethyl ethion* crotoxyphos azinphos-methyl* ethoprop cyanazine* azoxystrobin* ethoxyquin* cycloate* benfluralin etridiazole benoxacor cyfluthrin etrimfos cyhalofop butyl ester bensulide famphur cypermethrin* BHC* fenamidone cyprazine* bifenox fenamiphos* cyprodinil* bifenthrin* fenarimol* binapacryl daminozide fenbuconazole* biphenyl* DCPA* fenhexamid* DDT* bromacil fenitrothion* **DEF** bromophos fenoxaprop-ethyl deltamethrin* bromophos-ethyl fenpropathrin* bromopropylate* deltamethrin, trans fensulfothion demeton* Bulan fenthion dialifor buprofezin* fenvalerate*

di-allate

butachlor

fipronil

^a The list of pesticides detectable is expressed in terms of the parent pesticide. However, monitoring coverage and findings may have included metabolites, impurities, and alteration products.

Some of these pesticides are no longer manufactured or registered for use in the United States.

^c The analytical methodology determines carbendazim, which may result from use of benomyl or carbendazim.

Table 3 (continued)

fluazifop butyl ester fluazinam fluchloralin flucythrinate fludioxonil* flusilazole* fluvalinate folpet* fonofos Gardona heptachlor*

hexachlorobenzene*
hexaconazole*
hexythiazox
imazalil*
iprodione*
isazofos
isofenphos
isoprocarb*
isopropalin
isoxaflutole

lactofen

lambda-cyhalothrin* leptophos

kresoxim-methyl

lindane*
linuron*
malathion*
mephosfolan
merphos
metalaxyl*
methamidophos*

methomyl* methoxychlor* metolachlor metribuzin mevinphos*

MGK 264*

methidathion*

methiocarb

mirex monocrotophos* myclobutanil*

N-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-3-(1-methylethyl)-2,4-dioxo-1-imidazolidinecarboxamide*

naled naphthalene* nitralin nitrapyrin nitrofen nitrofluorfen norflurazon nuarimol* omethoate* ovex oxadiazon* oxadixyl* oxamyl*

oxydemeton-methyl oxyfluorfen oxythioquinox parathion* parathion-methyl*

pebulate penconazole* pendimethalin pentachlorobenzene* pentachlorobenzonitrile* pentachlorophenyl methyl ether*

permethrin* Perthane phenthoate*

phenylphenol, ortho-*

phorate*
phosalone*
phosmet*
phosphamidon
piperonyl butoxide*

pirimicarb*
pirimiphos-ethyl
pirimiphos-methyl*
prochloraz*
procymidone*
profenofos*
profluralin
prometryn
pronamide*
propanil
propargite*
propazine
propetamphos
propham

propham propiconazole* prothiofos pyraclostrobin pyrazon pyrazophos* pyrethrins pyridaben* pyrimethanil* pyriproxyfen* quinalphos*
quinoxyfen*
quintozene*
ronnel
salithion
S-bioallethrin
simazine*
Strobane
sulfallate
sulfotep*
Sulphenone
sulprofos
TCMTB
tebuconazole*

tebuconazoie*
tebupirimfos
tecnazene*
terbacil
terbufos
terbuthylazine
tetradifon*
tetraiodoethylene
tetrasul

tetrasul
thiabendazole*
thiazopyr
thiobencarb
thionazin
tolylfluanid*
toxaphene*
tralomethrin
triadimefon*
triadimenol*
tri-allate*
triazophos
tridiphane
triflumizole*
trifluralin*

triphenyl phosphate*

tris(2-butoxyethyl) phosphate* vernolate

vinclozolin* zoxamide

Animal Feeds

In 2002, 445 domestic and 89 import feed samples were collected and analyzed for residues. Of the 445 domestic samples, 320 (71.9%) contained no detectable pesticide residues, and 7 (1.6%) contained residues which exceeded regulatory guidance. Of the 89 import samples, 74 (83.1%) contained no detectable pesticide residues, and 6 (6.7%) contained residues which exceeded regulatory guidance. Table 4 summarizes the combined findings in domestic and import samples.

Table 4. Summary of 2002 Domestic and Import Feed Samples							
	Total Without residues Exceeding Guidance						
Type of Feed	# Samples	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>		
Whole/Ground Grains	227	181	79.7	4	1.8		
Plant By-products	150	107	71.3	5	3.3		
Mixed Feed Rations	94	58	61.7	0	0.0		
Animal By-products	32	24	75.0	0	0.0		
Hay & Hay Products	28	21	75.0	4	14.3		
Supplements	3	3	100.0	0	0.0		
Total	534	394	73.8	13	2.4		

The following 7 residues in domestic samples were considered to have exceeded regulatory guidance because there is no tolerance or action level established for the pesticide-commodity combination: 0.051 ppm of chlorpyrifos-methyl on a sample of shelled corn from Ohio (collected by the Cincinnati district); 0.068 ppm of o-phenylphenol on a soybean meal sample from Vermont (collected by the New York district); 0.009 ppm of quintozene on a cracked corn sample from California (collected by the Los Angeles district); 0.207 ppm of dimethoate on a sample of oat hay pellets from Idaho (collected by the Los Angeles district); 0.082 ppm imazalil and 0.246 ppm cypermethrin on a sample of cantaloupe peels from California (collected by the San Diego district); 0.075 ppm of chlorpyrifos-methyl on a ground alfalfa sample from Montana (collected by the Seattle district).

One domestic sample had a residue that exceeded an EPA tolerance or a FDA requested maximum level. A sample of wheat screenings from Montana and collected by the Seattle district contained 24.2 ppm of malathion. This level exceeded the 8 ppm tolerance for malathion on wheat in 40 CFR 180.111.

Six import samples contained 6 pesticide residues that exceeded regulatory guidance because there is no tolerance or action level established for the pesticide-commodity combination: 0.211 ppm of pirimiphos-methyl on a hydrolyzed wheat protein sample from the Netherlands (collected by the Minneapolis district); 0.009 ppm of chlorpyrifos-methyl on a sample of white millet (pet bird food) from Canada (collected by the San Juan district); 0.24 ppm of chlorpyrifos-methyl on a rolled/ground corn sample from Canada (collected by the Seattle district); 0.043 ppm of malathion on a canola meal sample from Canada (collected by the Seattle district); 0.016 ppm of chlorpyrifos on a sample of salt bush from Mexico (collected by the Los Angeles district); 0.030 ppm of endosulfan (I + II + sulfate) on a Sudan hay sample from Mexico (collected by the Los Angeles district).

In the 125 domestic and 15 import samples of feed in which one or more pesticides were detected, there were 210 residues (146 quantifiable and 64 trace). Malathion, chlorpyrifos-methyl, and chlorpyrifos were the most frequently found and accounted for 64.8% of all residues detected (Table 5).

Table 5. Residues Found in Domestic and Import Feeds in 2002

of Samples with Quantifiable Trace Range^b Median^b <u>Pesticide</u> <u>Levels</u> Amount^a (ppm) (ppm) malathion 65 0.020 - 24.20.082 21 chlorpyrifos-methyl 27 0.009 - 4.870.080 12 chlorpyrifos 0.029 3 8 0.016 - 0.300 methoxychlor (p,p' + o,p')8 3 0.013 - 0.051 0.028 tribufos (DEF) 3 0.031 - 0.069 0.034 pirimiphos-methyl 4 0.033 - 0.2110.040 diazinon 5 0.019 - 0.070 0.049 ethoxyquin 3 0.109 - 71.0 5.750 ethion 0 3 0.037 - 0.2460.056 Gardona 2 0.078- 0.115 N/A 1 all otherse 8 23 0.002 - 4.500 0.082



^a Residue found is below that normally quantifiable, but its presence and identity are known.

^b In samples containing quantifiable levels.

c n=2 for azinphos-methyl, chlorpropham, endosulfan, methamidophos, parathion or its methyl homolog, permethrin, o-phenylphenol, phosmet, and quintozene; n=1 for carbaryl, cypermethrin, DCPA, DDT + metabolites, dicofol, dieldrin, dimethoate, imazalil, iprodione, malathion oxygen analog, profenofos, thiabendazole, and vinclozolin.

Summary: Regulatory Monitoring

No residues were found in 65.5% of domestic and in 70.4% of import samples (Figure 3) analyzed under FDA's regulatory monitoring approach in 2002. Only 0.8% of domestic and 4.3% of import samples had residue levels that were violative. The findings for 2002 demonstrate that pesticide residue levels in foods are generally well below EPA tolerances, corroborating results presented in earlier reports (4a, 4b). Animal feed samples (445 domestic, 89 import) were analyzed. No residues were found in 71.9% of the domestic samples and in 83.1% of the import samples.

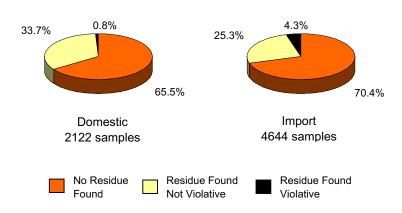


Figure 3. Summary of Results of Domestic vs. Import Samples

Incidence/Level Monitoring

Special Surveys

As part of a collaborative effort with EPA, in August 2001, FDA initiated a project of measuring organophosphorous pesticides (OPs) in a selected variety of fruits and vegetables that are a significant part of children's diets. The objective of this interagency project is to obtain the residue data at the lowest possible detectable levels for dietary risk assessment. FDA has for many years provided pesticide residue data to EPA, but the Food Quality Protection Act requires reassessment of pesticide tolerances in foods and feeds. To meet this requirement, EPA needed data at levels lower than the regulatory levels routinely used in FDA monitoring and reported by FDA. EPA identified "top priority" and "high priority" lists of 28 parent OPs and their metabolites based on their degree and mechanism of toxicity. EPA also compiled a list of ten commodities based on their significance in the diets of children, and requested that FDA collect 1000 domestic and import samples of these commodities, 100 samples for each commodity, and analyze them for the presence of these OPs.

The commodities included apples, blackberries, carrots, cranberries, grapes, head lettuce, oranges, peaches, strawberries, and tomatoes. The numbers of domestic samples collected from the various regions were based on EPA's estimates of crop production, and those of import samples reflect a reasonable percentage of import volume of each commodity. All samples were analyzed for the selected OPs by a modification of a method in FDA's Pesticide Analytical Manual Volume I (PAM I). EPA modified the method by incorporating use of a pulsed flame photometric detector, which allows detection of residues at a much lower level (1 ppb) than those detected in regulatory monitoring (10, 11). Most FDA Districts participated in collecting the samples. Analyses were performed by the FDA's Pacific Regional Laboratory (PRL) - Southwest and PRL - Northwest. The analyses of the samples were completed in FY 02. The data are being used by EPA for dietary risk assessment.

Summary: Incidence/Level Monitoring

Results of the interagency project are being used by EPA for dietary risk assessment.

Total Diet Study

The Total Diet Study (TDS) is distinct from regulatory monitoring in that it determines pesticide residues in foods prepared for consumption (3). To measure the low levels of residues found in the TDS foods, the analytical methods used are modified to permit measurement at levels 5-10 times lower than those normally used in regulatory monitoring. In general, residues present at or above 1 part per billion can be measured. Of the over 300 chemicals that can be determined for the analytical methods used, 118 individual residues were found in the foods analyzed in the four market baskets reported here (Market Baskets 01-4, 02-1, 02-2, and 02-3). Among these were 64 pesticides, including 15 which represent more than one related compound counted as a "total", 22 volatile organic compounds for which 70 TDS foods per basket are now being examined, and 12 other organic compounds.

Table 6 lists the 20 most frequently found residues (those found in >2% of the samples), the total number of findings, and the percent occurrence in the four market baskets analyzed in 2002 (1,030 food items). The five most frequently observed chemicals, DDT, chlorpyrifos-methyl, malathion, endosulfan, and dieldrin, are the same as those observed for the past several years. The levels of these residues, as well as the others listed in Table 6, are well below regulatory limits.

Information obtained through the TDS is used to estimate dietary intakes of pesticides; these intakes are then compared with established standards. Dietary intakes based on TDS samples collected through mid-1991 have been published previously. (5, 6)

For several years, FDA has collected and analyzed a number of baby foods in addition to those covered under TDS. This adjunct to the TDS included 19 or 20 different food items in the four baskets represented here (6 fruit juices, 6 fruits, 3 fruit desserts, and 4 grain products). Table 7 lists the 15 pesticide residues found in four collections of these foods (78 samples total) in 2002, the percentage occurrence, and ranges of levels found.

Summary: Total Diet Study

In 2002, the types of pesticide residues found and their frequency of occurrence in TDS were generally consistent with those given in previous FDA reports (4a, 4b). The pesticide residue levels found were well below regulatory standards. An adjunct survey of baby foods in 1991-2002 also provided evidence of only small amounts of pesticide residues in those foods.



Table 6. Frequency of Occurrence of Pesticide Residues Found in Total Diet Study Foods in 2002^a

Pesticide ^b	Total No. of Findings	Occurrence, %	Range, ppm
DDT	212	21	0.0001 - 0.025
chlorpyrifos-methyl	175	17	0.0002 - 0.059
malathion	156	15	0.0007 - 0.071
endosulfan	142	14	0.0001 - 0.166
dieldrin	115	11	0.0001 - 0.010
chlorpropham	62	6	0.0007 - 1.278
chlorpyrifos	49	5	0.0001 - 0.105
permethrin	43	4	0.0004 - 1.680
carbaryl ^c	42	4	0.001 - 2.040
dicloran	33	3	0.0002 - 0.263
thiabendazole ^d	31	3	0.013 - 0.991
lindane	20	2	0.0001 - 0.002
methamidophos	19	2	0.001 - 0.345
hexachlorobenzene	19	2	0.0001 - 0.002
dicofol	19	2	0.002 - 0.538
pirimiphos-methyl	17	2	0.001 - 0.024
quintozene	17	2	0.0001 - 0.0424
toxaphene	17	2	0.002 - 0.028
acephate	16	2	0.002 - 0.350
ethion	16	2	0.0003 - 0.007

^a Based on 4 market baskets analyzed consisting of 1,030 total items.

^d Reflects overall incidence; however, only 67 selected foods per market basket (*i.e.*, 268 items total) were analyzed for the benzimidazole fungicides.



^b Isomers, metabolites, and related compounds are included with the "parent" pesticide from which they arise.

^c Reflects overall incidence; however, only 93 selected foods per market basket (*i.e.*, 372 items total) were analyzed for N-methylcarbamates.

Table 7. Frequency of Occurrence of Pesticide Residues Found in Selected Baby Foods in 2002^a

<u>Pesticide</u> ^b	Total No. of Findings	Occurrence, %	Range, ppm
carbaryl ^c	11	14	0.001 - 0.008
chlorpyrifos-methyl	9	12	0.0009 - 0.012
malathion	8	10	0.004 - 0.026
permethrin	7	9	0.0007 - 0.013
thiabendazole ^d	7	9	0.018 - 0.056
ethylenethiourea ^e	5	6	0.003 - 0.008
endosulfan	3	4	0.0002 - 0.0018
esfenvalerate	2	3	0.008 - 0.011
dimethoate	2	3	0.002 - 0.007
phosmet	2	3	0.007 - 0.020
chlorpyrifos	2	3	0.0007 - 0.0009
iprodione	1	1	0.002
pirimiphos-methyl	1	1	0.002
carbofuranc	1	1	0.004
dicofol	1	1	0.040

^a Based on 4 market baskets consisting of 78 total items.



b Isomers, metabolites, and related compounds are included with the "parent" pesticide from which they arise.

c Reflects overall incidence; however, only 13 selected foods permarket basket (*i.e.*, 52 items total) were analyzed for N- methylcarbamates.

d Reflects overall incidence; however, only 13 selected foods per market basket (*i.e.*, 52 items total) were analyzed for the benzimidazole fungicides.

Reflects overall incidence; however, only 12 selected foods per market basket (*i.e.*, 48 items total) were analyzed for ethylenethiourea.

Summary

A total of 6,766 samples of domestically produced food and imported food from 100 countries was analyzed for pesticide residues in 2002. FDA collected and analyzed animal feed samples (445 domestic, 89 import) for pesticides. No residues were found in 71.9% of the domestic samples and in 83.1% of the import samples. Total Diet Study findings for 2002 were generally similar to those found in earlier periods; details of findings will be published separately.

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Appendix A. Analysis of Domestic Samples by Commodity Group in 2002

	Total	Samples without	Samples	# over	# no
Commodity Group	<u>Samples</u>	Residues, %	<u>Violative^a, %</u>	<u>tolerance</u>	tolerance
A. Grains and Grain Products					
Barley & barley products	17	82.3	0.0		
Corn & corn products	70	70.0	5.7		
Oats & oat products	4	100.0	0.0		
Rice & rice products	39	71.8	0.0		
Soybeans & soybean products	13	61.5	0.0		
Wheat & wheat products	115	58.3	0.0		
Other grains & grain products	9	55.6	0.0		
Breakfast cereals	14	92.9	0.0		
Bakery products, crackers, etc.	1	100.0	0.0		
Total	282	67.0	1.4	0	0
B. Milk/Dairy Products/Eggs					
Cheese & cheese products	6	83.3	0.0		
Eggs	9	100.0	0.0		
Milk/cream & milk products	10	100.0	0.0		
Total	25	96.0	0.0	0	0
C. Fish/Shellfish/Other Aquatic Pro	oducts				
Fish and Fish Products	82	79.3	0.0		
Shellfish & Crustaceans	34	100.0	0.0		
Other Aquatic Animals & Products	1	0.0	0.0		
Total	117	84.6	0.0	0	0
D. Emite					
D. Fruits	4	75.0	0.0		
Blackberries	4	75.0	0.0		
Blueberries Cranberries	27 5	88.9 60.0	0.0 0.0		
Grapes, raisins	20	55.0	0.0		
Raspberries	15	13.3	0.0		
Strawberries	55	43.6	0.0		
Other berries	12	16.7	0.0		
Other berries	12	10.7	0.0		
Grapefruit	10	60.0	0.0		
Lemons	8	75.0	0.0		
Oranges	65	66.2	0.0		
Other citrus fruit	6	50.0	0.0		
Apples	167	32.3	0.0		
Pears	40	60.0	0.0		
Other pome fruit	2	50.0	0.0		

a Includes samples with residues over tolerance or action level and samples with residues with no tolerance.
 b Residue in one or more samples exceeded an action level rather than a tolerance.

Appendix A. (continued)

Commodity Group	Total <u>Samples</u>	Samples without Residues, %	Samples <u>Violative^a, %</u>	# over tolerance	# no tolerance
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Apricots	8	62.5	0.0		
Avocadoes Cherries	3 32	100.0 21.9	0.0 6.2		2
Nectarines	12	58.3	8.3		2 1
Peaches	96	34.4	2.1		2
Plums	10	40.0	0.0		2
Other pit fruit	2	100.0	0.0		
omer pit fruit	2	100.0	0.0		
Mangoes	2	100.0	0.0		
Pineapple	2	100.0	0.0		
Other sub-tropical fruit	1	100.0	0.0		
Cantaloupe	22	77.3	0.0		
Honeydew	2	50.0	0.0		
Watermelon	23	78.3	0.0		
Other melons	11	81.8	0.0		
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Apple juice	27	81.5	0.0		
Citrus juice	4	100.0	0.0		
Other fruit juices	12	91.7	0.0		
Fruit jams/jellies/pastes/toppings	20	25.0	0.0		
Total	725	49.5	0.7	0	5
E. Vegetables					
Corn	30	93.3	0.0		4
Com	30	93.3	0.0		4
Peas (green/snow/sugar/sweet)	34	94.1	5.9		3
String beans (green/snap/pole/long)	82	59.8	1.2		1
Other beans & peas & products	51	90.2	2.0		
Cucumbers	33	75.8	0.0		
Eggplant	3	100.0	0.0		
Okra	2	100.0	0.0		
Peppers, hot	1	0.0	0.0		
Peppers, sweet	14	78.6	0.0		
Squash/pumpkins	40	85.0	0.0		
Tomatoes	84	70.2	0.0		
Other fruiting vegetables	2	100.0	0.0		
Asparagus	18	100.0	0.0		
Bok choy & Chinese cabbage	3	100.0	0.0		
Broccoli	28	92.9	0.0		
Cabbage	40	80.0	0.0		
Cauliflower	5	80.0	0.0		
Celery	9	22.2	22.2		2
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^a Includes samples with residues over tolerance or action level and samples with residues with no tolerance.

^b Residue in one or more samples exceeded an action level rather than a tolerance.

Appendix A. (continued)

Commodity Group	Total Samples	Samples without Residues, %	Samples Violative ^a , %	# over tolerance	# no tolerance
	•			tolerance	tolerance
Collards	5	80.0	0.0		
Endive	2	0.0	50.0		1
Kale	3	66.7	0.0		
Lettuce, head	19	57.9	0.0		
Lettuce, leaf	19	79.0	0.0		
Spinach	12	41.7	0.0		
Other leaf & stem vegetables	6	83.3	0.0		
Mushrooms and Truffles	3	100.0	0.0		
Carrots	49	67.3	0.0		
Onions/leeks/scallions/shallots	65	96.9	0.0		
Potatoes	124	37.9	0.0		
Radishes	6	50.0	0.0		
Red beets	6	83.3	0.0		
Sweet potatoes	24	91.7	0.0		
Turnips	7	85.7	0.0		
Other root & tuber vegetables	10	60.0	0.0		
Vegetables, dried or paste	27	88.9	0.0		
Other vegetables/vegetable products	29	65.5	0.0		
Total	895	72.5	0.8	0	11
F. Other					
Almonds & almond products	2	100.0	0.0		
Peanuts & peanut products	23	82.6	0.0		
Other nuts & nut products	13	100.0	0.0		
Edible seeds & seed products	4	75.0	0.0		
Beverage bases	1	100.0	0.0		
Honey & other sweeteners	19	94.7	0.0		
Baby foods/formula	15	93.3	0.0		
Other food products, incl. prepared foods	1	100.0	0.0		
Total	78	91.0	0.0	0	0
Total A-F	2,122	65.5	0.8	0	16

a Includes samples with residues over tolerance or action level and samples with residues with no tolerance.
b Residue in one or more samples exceeded an action level rather than a tolerance.

Appendix B. Analysis of Import Samples by Commodity Group in 2002

	Total	Samples without	Samples	# over	# no
Commodity Group	<u>Samples</u>	Residues, %	Violative ^a , %	<u>tolerance</u>	tolerance
A. Grains and Grain Products					
Barley & barley products	13	84.6	0.0		
Corn & corn products	4	100.0	0.0		
Oats & oat products	14	92.9	0.0		
Rice & rice products	45	88.9	0.0		
Soybeans & soybean products	1	100.0	0.0		
Wheat & wheat products	26	73.1	3.9	1	
Other grains & grain products	7	100.0	0.0		
Breakfast cereals	13	100.0	0.0		
Bakery products, crackers, etc.	25	100.0	0.0		
Pasta and noodles	23	95.7	0.0		
Total	171	90.6	0.6	1	0
B. Milk/Dairy Products/Eggs					
Butter	1	100.0	0.0		
Cheese & cheese products	11	100.0	0.0		
Eggs	1	100.0	0.0		
Milk/cream & milk products	2	100.0	0.0		
•					
Total	15	100.0	0.0	0	0
C. Fish/Shellfish/Other Aquatic Prod	ucts				
Fish and Fish Products	189	94.2	0.0		
Shellfish & Crustaceans	32	90.6	3.1		1
Other Aquatic Animals & Products	6	66.7	0.0		
Total	227	93.0	0.4	0	1
D. Fruits					
Blackberries	27	51.9	0.0		
Blueberries	16	68.8	0.0		
Cranberries	4	100.0	0.0		
Grapes, raisins	80	48.8	2.5		2
Raspberries	39	46.1	2.6		1
Strawberries	122	32.0	9.0		11
Other berries	2	100.0	0.0		
an .	1.6	0.0	0.0		
Clementines	16	0.0	0.0		
Grapefruit	1	100.0	0.0		
Lemons	10	70.0	0.0		
Limes	11 61	100.0 47.5	0.0		1
Oranges Other citrus fruit	61 4	47.5 100.0	1.6 0.0		1
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a Includes samples with residues over tolerance or action level and samples with residues with no tolerance.
b Residue in one or more samples exceeded an action level rather than a tolerance.

Appendix B. (continued)

	Total	Samples without	Samples	# over	# no
Commodity Group	<u>Samples</u>	Residues, %	<u>Violative</u> ^a , %	tolerance	<u>tolerance</u>
Apples	38	63.2	2.6		1
Pears	45	68.9	4.4		2
Other pome fruit	2	50.0	50.0		1
Apricots	1	100.0	0.0		
Avocadoes	35	100.0	0.0		
Cherries	13	53.9	7.7		1
Dates	6	83.3	16.7		1
Nectarines	7	28.6	0.0		
Olives	45	75.6	4.4		2
Peaches	43	62.8	2.3	1	
Plums	10	70.0	0.0		
Other pit fruit	4	100.0	0.0		
Bananas, plantains	93	48.4	0.0		
Guavas	4	100.0	0.0		
Kiwi fruit	18	77.8	5.6	1	
Mangoes	50	92.0	2.0		2
Papaya	73	76.7	5.5		4
Pineapple	59	83.0	0.0		
Other sub-tropical fruit	50	80.0	12.0		6
Bitter melon	11	45.5	0.0		
Cantaloupe	49	38.8	0.0		
Honeydew	32	46.9	0.0		
Watermelon	21	61.9	9.5		2
Other melons	2	100.0	0.0		_
Other fruits	6	100.0	0.0		3
Amala iviaa	65	92.3	0.0		
Apple juice Citrus juice	8	100.0	0.0		
Other fruit juices	77	97.4	1.3		1
Fruit jams/jellies/pastes/toppings	148	88.5	4.0		1 3
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Total	1,408	67.1	3.2	2	44
E. Vegetables					
Corn	36	97.2	0.0		
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Mung beans and bean sprouts	12	83.3	0.0		
Peas (green/snow/sugar/sweet)	69	58.0	18.8	1	16
String beans (green/snap/pole/long)	78	61.5	9.0	1	6
Other beans & peas & products	138	75.4	3.6		
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a Includes samples with residues over tolerance or action level and samples with residues with no tolerance.
 b Residue in one or more samples exceeded an action level rather than a tolerance.

Appendix B. (continued)

	Total	Samples without	Samples	# over	# no
Commodity Group	<u>Samples</u>	Residues, %	<u>Violative</u> ^a , %	tolerance	<u>tolerance</u>
Cucumbers	97	37.1	1.0	1	
Eggplant	35	80.0	0.0		
Okra	19	94.7	5.3		1
Peppers, hot	291	45.0	9.3	2	26
Peppers, sweet	294	57.8	7.1	2	18
Squash/pumpkins	195	40.0	5.1		10
Tomatoes	229	66.4	3.9		9
Other fruiting vegetables	51	78.4	2.0		1
Artichokes	13	100.0	0.0		
Asparagus	77	89.6	0.0		
Bamboo shoots	14	92.9	7.1		1
Bok choy & Chinese cabbage	9	77.8	0.0		
Broccoli	52	80.8	0.0		
Cabbage	22	72.7	0.0		
Cauliflower	12	100.0	0.0		
Celery	13	38.5	7.7	1	
Collards	1	0.0	0.0		
Endive	11	100.0	0.0		
Kale	13	30.8	7.7		1
Lettuce, head	27	66.7	3.7	1	
Lettuce, leaf	13	76.9	0.0		
Mustard greens	2	100.0	0.0		
Radicchio	6 24	83.3 58.3	0.0		2
Spinach Other leaf & stem wegetables	123	38.3 72.4	12.5 16.3		3 21
Other leaf & stem vegetables	123	72.4	10.3		21
Mushrooms and Truffles	43	93.0	4.7		2
Carrots	48	75.0	2.1		1
Cassava	16	100.0	0.0		
Onions/leeks/scallions/shallots	175	78.9	1.1		2
Potatoes	33	87.9	0.0		
Radishes	37	91.9	2.7		1
Red beets	9	88.9	11.1		1
Sweet potatoes	24	91.7	4.2		1
Turnips	6	83.3	0.0		
Water chestnuts	16	100.0	0.0		_
Other root & tuber vegetables	24	91.7	8.3		2
Vegetables with sauce	3	100.0	0.0		
Vegetables, dried or paste	85	83.5	7.1	1	5
Other vegetables/vegetable products	51	86.3	0.0		
Total	2,546	66.9	5.4	10	128

^a Includes samples with residues over tolerance or action level and samples with residues with no tolerance.
^b Residue in one or more samples exceeded an action level rather than a tolerance.

Appendix B. (continued)

	Total	Samples without	Samples	# over	# no
Commodity Group	<u>Samples</u>	Residues, %	<u>Violative^a, %</u>	tolerance	<u>tolerance</u>
F. Other					
Almonds & almond products	2	100.0	0.0		
Cashews	33	93.9	0.0		
Peanuts & peanut products	17	82.3	5.9		1
Other nuts & nut products	24	95.8	0.0		1
Edible seeds & seed products	30	96.7	3.3		
Vegetable oil, crude	1	100.0	0.0		
Vegetable oil, refined	8	100.0	0.0		
Spices & condiments & flavors	38	55.3	15.8		13
Beverages & water	8	100.0	0.0		10
Beverage bases	8	100.0	0.0		
Coffee/tea/wine	11	100.0	0.0		
Cocoa beans & chocolate products	3	66.7	0.0		
Honey & other sweeteners	53	98.1	0.0		
Baby foods/formula	8	87.5	0.0		
Other food products, incl. prepared foods	16	87.5	0.0		
Nonfood items	17	52.9	41.2		
Total	277	86.6	5.4	0	15
Total A-F	4,644	70.4	4.3	13	188

a Includes samples with residues over tolerance or action level and samples with residues with no tolerance.
 b Residue in one or more samples exceeded an action level rather than a tolerance.