

EU Food Safety Authority: Risk from pesticide residue on foods low, unlikely to pose health risk

[Editor's note: The following is from the EFSA's 2015 European Union report on pesticide residues in food, published April 11, 2017.]

Food consumed in the European Union continues to be largely free of pesticide residues or to contain residues that fall within legal limits, new figures show. The latest monitoring report published by EFSA reveals that more than 97% of food samples collected across the EU in 2015 were within legal limits, with just over 53% free of quantifiable residues. The figures are in line with those recorded in 2014.

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Overall, the results of the 2015 pesticide monitoring gave comparable results with previous years. Thus, similar to the previous year EFSA concludes that based on the results of the 2015 monitoring programmes, the long-term dietary exposure to those pesticides covered by the EU-coordinated monitoring programme for which toxicological data are available was unlikely to pose a health risk to consumers.

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For the six pesticides without reliable toxicological assessments where quantified residues were reported, a final conclusion on possible consumer health concern cannot be derived. However, the dietary exposure estimated with conservative methodologies was found to be low.

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