Maximum residue levels for deltamethrin

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/2289 as regards maximum residue levels for acequinocyl, deltamethrin, dodine, maleic hydrazide, pinoxaden and prothioconazole in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/876 as regards maximum residue levels for acetamiprid, aclonifen, deltamethrin, oxathiapiprolin and potassium phosphonates in or on certain products

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has increased the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for deltamethrin on kiwi fruits, melons, and watermelons (see Table 1).

The European Food Safety Authority analysed an application from the producer of deltamethrin to increase the MRLs on these products, and concluded that this change poses no risks to consumers.

This follows earlier changes. In May 2026, the MRL for deltamethrin on cherries was increased from 0.1 to 0.15 mg/kg, and in July 2025, the EU raised the MRL for deltamethrin on papayas from 0.1 to 0.2 mg/kg.

Timeline

The new MRLs for kiwis, melons, and watermelons apply from **5 November 2026**.

The new MRL for cherries applies from **12 May 2026**.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1: Changes to maximum residue levels for deltamethrin

Food category	Products	Deltamethrin(mg/kg)	
		Current MRL	Proposed MRL
Miscellaneous fruit	Kiwi fruits (green, red, yellow)	0.01*	0.15
Fruiting vegetables	Melons, watermelons	0.01*	0.03

* Limit of determination (LOD).

Source: based on Regulation 2026/2289

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