Maximum residue levels for metalaxyl

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/140 as regards maximum residue levels for acequinocyl, chlormequat, metalaxyl-M, pyraclostrobin, sulfoxaflor and trifloxystrobin in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) 2025/115 as regards maximum residue levels for fluxapyroxad, lambda-cyhalothrin, metalaxyl, and nicotine in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/1342 as regards maximum residue levels for deltamethrin, metalaxyl, thiabendazole and trifloxystrobin in or on certain products

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has raised the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for metalaxyl on honey from 0.05 to 0.1 mg/kg.

In 2025, the EU raised the MRLs for metalaxyl on pineapple from 0.01 to 0.1 mg/kg, and on ginseng from 0.05 to 0.06 mg/kg, in line with new Codex MRLs (CXLs).

In 2024, the EU amended the MRLs for metalaxyl as summarised in Table 1, with particular impacts on suppliers of lemons, apples, pears, onions, globe artichokes, and soyabeans.

Actions

Suppliers of lemons, apples, pears, onions, globe artichokes, and soyabeans in particular should review their current use of metalaxyl and look for possible alternative solutions.

Timeline

The new MRL on honey applies from **11 February 2026**.

The MRLs on pineapple and dried ginseng apply from 11 February 2025.

The MRLs in Table 1 apply from 11 December 2024.

For more information see the full record on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

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Table 1
Changes to maximum residue levels for metalaxyl

Food category	Products	Metalaxyl (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Citrus fruit	Lemons	0.5	0.01*
	Limes, mandarins	0.5	0.4
Pome fruits	Apple, pears	1	0.01*
Berries and other small fruits	Table grapes	2	1.5
	Wine grapes	1	1.5
Bulb vegetables	Onions	0.5	0.03
Fruiting vegetables	Sweet peppers/bell peppers	0.5	0.4
	Melons, watermelons	0.2	0.15
Stem vegetables	Globe artichokes	0.05	0.02*
Oilseeds	Soyabeans	0.1*	0.01*
Oilfruits	Oil palm fruits	0.01*	0.015
Cocoa beans		0.1	0.05
Fruit spices	Peppercorns	0.05*	2
Products of animal origin	Kidney and edible offals from swine	0.2	0.15
	Liver from cattle, horse	0.05*	0.06
	Kidney and edible offals from cattle, horse	0.3	0.4
	Kidney and edible offals from sheep, goats, other farmed animals	0.3	0.15

* Limit of determination.

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