Maximum residue levels for phosphonic acid

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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 phosphonic acid on cherries from 8 to 80 mg/kg. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has confirmed that the new level is safe for consumers.

In June 2025, the EU increased the MRLs for phosphonic acid on certain certain salads and cereals, globe artichokes, and poppy seeds as summarised in Table 1. Those MRLs were updated based on new data evaluated by EFSA.

Timeline

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

The MRLs on certain salads and cereals, globe artichokes, and poppy seeds have applied since 17 April 2025.

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 phosphonic acid

Food category	Products	Phosphonic acid and its salts expressed as phosphonic acid (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL	New MRL
Leaf vegetables, herbs, edible flowers	Lamb's lettuces/corn salads, escaroles/ broad-leaved endives, cresses and other sprouts/shoots, land cresses, Roman rocket/rucola, red mustards, baby leaf crops	150	200
	Purslanes	100	200
	Chards/beet leaves	70	200
	Watercresses	1.5*	90
Stem vegetables	Globe artichokes	100	150
Oilseeds	Poppy seeds	1.5*	200
Cereals	Barley, oats, rye	1.5*	80

* Limit of determination.

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Source: based on Regulation 2025/581

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