Maximum residue levels for pyraclostrobin

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EU increases MRL for pyraclostrobin on sweet corn

Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/140 of 22 January 2026 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for acequinocyl, chlormequat, metalaxyl-M, pyraclostrobin, sulfoxaflor and trifloxystrobin in or on certain products

Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/342 of 22 January 2024 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for cyflumetofen, oxathiapiprolin and pyraclostrobin in or on certain products

Update

The European Union (EU) has increased the maximum residue level (MRL) for pyraclostrobin on sweet corn.

Impacted products

Papayas, sweet corn

What is changing?

The EU has raised the MRL for pyraclostrobin on sweet corn from 0.04 to 0.09 mg/kg. In 2024, the EU raised the MRL on papayas from 0.07 to 0.5 mg/kg.

Why?

This change regarding sweet corn follows a request for the previous MRL to be modified in line with a risk assessment by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA 2025), which considered this level to be safe.

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Timeline

The new MRL for sweet corn applies from **11 February 2026**.

Background

MRLs are set in accordance with the rules set out in Regulation 396/2005. For information on current MRLs for other substances, please consult the EU Pesticide Residues database. For further information on the setting of import tolerances, see Pesticide residue import tolerance MRLs explained.

The 2024 increase in the pyraclostrobin MRL for papayas followed an application for an import tolerance MRL of 0.6 mg/kg on the basis of agricultural practice in Brazil. This was reduced to 0.5 mg/kg, the level that applies under Brazilian law, which was deemed to be safe by EFSA (2023).

Resources

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