Polish national MRLs for carbendazim, glufosinate, and thiophanate-methyl

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Regulation 603 of the Minister of Health on the establishment of special requirements for foodstuffs concerning residues of active substances of plant protection products (6 May 2026) [available only in Polish]

What is changing and why?

The Polish Government has published a regulation introducing national rules lowering the maximum residue levels (MRLs) on certain foods for the following pesticides: carbendazim (including benomyl), glufosinate, and thiophanate-methyl. The foods affected are listed in Table 1.

These pesticides are not approved for use in the European Union (EU), but can be used on certain products that are exported to the EU provided that the current MRLs are not exceeded.

The reduced MRLs apply only to the Polish market and do not apply to these foods sold in other EU countries. However, France also established national MRLs for these pesticides on certain products in early 2026 (see French national MRL measures on carbendazim, thiophanate-methyl, glufosinate, and mancozeb).

These newly established MRLs in France and Poland are not aligned with the EU MRLs currently in force across EU Member States.

Timeline

The new MRLs apply from **7 June 2026**.

This is a temporary national protective measure, initially valid for 12 months, or until the EU adopts MRL regulations on these substances.

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
Food–pesticide combinations for which MRLs are lowered

Food products	Active substances: **New Polish MRL**		
	Carbendazim + benomyl **0.01 mg/kg**	Glufosinate[1] **0.03 mg/kg**	Thiophanate-methyl **0.01 mg/kg**
Fruits:			
Apples	✓		✓
Apricots	✓		✓
Cherries (sweet)	✓		✓
Grapefruit	✓		✓
Grapes (table)	✓		
Grapes (wine)	✓		✓
Lemons	✓		✓
Limes	✓		✓
Mandarins/clementines	✓		✓
Mangoes	✓		✓
Medlars	✓		✓
Melons			✓
Oranges	✓		✓
Peaches	✓		✓
Pears	✓		✓
Papayas	✓	✓	✓
Plums	✓		✓
Quinces	✓		✓
Watermelons			✓
Other pome fruits	✓		✓
Vegetables:			
Beans (with pods)	✓	✓	
Brussels sprouts	✓		✓
Eggplants/aubergines	✓	✓	✓
Mushrooms	✓		
Okra			✓
Peas (with pods)	✓	✓	
Potatoes		✓	
Pumpkins			✓
Tomatoes	✓	✓	✓
Cereals:			
Barley	✓		✓
Oats			✓
Rye			✓
Wheat			✓
Others:			
Algae and prokaryotic organisms			✓
Honey and other bee products	✓		✓

1. Sum of glufosinate isomers, its salts, and its metabolites — 3-[hydroxy(methyl)phosphinyl]propionic acid (MPP) and N-acetyl-glufosinate (NAG) — expressed as glufosinate.

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