



Fresh Del Monte Produce

Responsible Farming Approach to the Protection of Insect Pollinators

Fresh Del Monte Produce recognizes the critical role that insect pollinators play in major agricultural crops and on the survival of many plant species. Therefore, we have long established tight controls over the use of insecticides in our farms, and are always guided by Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles in our agricultural operations. More detail on our commitment to rely on IPM strategies can be found in our [Responsible Farming Policy](#). In addition, our research stations around the globe maintain frequent evaluations of alternatives to current pesticides to adopt those that are more environmentally friendly and cost-effective.

In 2020, we set the goal to phase out all neonicotinoid and chlorpyrifos insecticides in our global owned pineapple operations. We are proud to communicate that today, all of our Del Monte Group owned pineapple production in Latin America and Kenya is free of neonicotinoid insecticides. In our banana operations, we are close to reaching the same target. Our Del Monte Group owned banana farms in Latin America are free of chlorpyrifos, and we are targeting to phase out neonicotinoids by June 2022 in all banana operations.

In a high proportion of our farms, we maintain buffer areas of natural vegetation around the crops that are not treated with pesticides, which provide food sources for wild pollinators. In the case of other commodities, such as melons and watermelons, apples, grapes and avocados, there are more challenges to advance in the replacement of neonicotinoids, because of pest pressures and the absence of approved alternatives readily available. However, under these circumstances, we limit the number of applications of insecticides that may affect bees, and apply only at night or after flowering has passed and mostly through the drip irrigation system. The use of floating covers in the early stages of growth of melons and watermelon to reduce the need for pesticide applications against insects transmitting virus diseases is a good example of an integrated pest management that has contributed to lower the use of these pesticides.

We use the best available science in order to reduce impacts to pollinators to the greatest extent possible. Until we find a replacement for the current neonicotinoids, which is our main target, we continue searching for alternatives to protect bees and other pollinators. We periodically review and implement [new recommendations](#) published by prestigious universities and local institutions, in the countries where we operate.



QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about this Policy, please contact the following individual in Company's Research and Development Department.

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VIOLATIONS

If you are or become aware of any violations of this Policy, please report them to Company, using the contact information set forth above.

RIGHT TO MODIFY POLICY

Company reserves the right to amend this Policy at any time. In the event of a dispute as to the interpretation of this Policy, Company's interpretation shall be final.

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