

## **DEL MONTE FOODS PESTICIDE PROGRAM**

Our sole supplier of pineapple is Del Monte Philippines, Inc (DMPI) with whom we work closely on the development of all new pest management programs to assure that they meet federal, state and Del Monte standards. We have a three step process designed to manage pesticides used on Del Monte pineapple:

1. DMPI provides our Pesticide Control group with a current Commercial Practices Program describing the pesticides to be used in each operation and their rates and timing. Any additions or deletions to the program must be approved by Del Monte.
2. DMPI's agricultural research department maintains a thorough testing program to determine whether a promising new pesticide might leave a detectable residue - it has long been the policy of DMPI to use no chemical that leaves a detectable residue in the fruit. Thus, any proposed pesticide is tested for detectable residues by Del Monte's certified laboratory before it is approved for use in DMPI's commercial practices.
3. As a final precaution, Del Monte conducts final product residue tests on a random sampling of DMPI pineapple products on a regular basis. Over the past decade we have never detected a pesticide residue in DMPI pineapple.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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