



New Zealand Food Safety

Ministry for Primary Industries

Manatū Ahu Matua

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To whom it may concern:

The Ministry for Primary Industries and New Zealand Food Safety take food safety matters very seriously.

New Zealand Food Safety conducted targeted surveys on honey samples for glyphosate residues in 2017/2018 and 2018/2019.

None of the samples taken from honey available for sale had glyphosate residues above regulatory limits, and **there were no food safety concerns**.

A small number of raw honey samples showed glyphosate residues above regulatory levels, and **there were no food safety concerns associated with these samples**.

For context, a five year-old child who was consuming honey with 0.1 mg/kg of glyphosate residues (the default maximum residue level in New Zealand) would need to eat roughly 230kg of honey every day for the rest of their life to reach the World Health Organization Acceptable Daily Intake for glyphosate.

The results of these surveys show residues levels and prevalence rates comparable to or lower than published in other international reports and studies.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allan Kinsella'.

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