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## NEWS

### FDA pesticide residue monitoring report indicates strong compliance with tolerance levels

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Sept. 4 released its annual [Pesticide Residue Monitoring Program Report for Fiscal Year 2022](#), detailing the testing of FDA-regulated foods for pesticide residues. The report reveals that the vast majority of samples tested were in compliance with [pesticide regulations](#) set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The report indicates FDA tested 2,800 human foods and 230 animal foods during Oct. 1, 2021, through Sept. 30, 2022 (FY 2022) for 757 different pesticides and selected industrial compounds. FDA found that 96.2 percent of domestic and 89.5 percent of imported human foods were compliant with pesticide tolerances set by EPA. No pesticide residues were found in 42.7 percent of the domestic samples and 44.6 percent of imported samples. For animal food, the agency found that 95.6 percent of domestic samples and 100 percent of imported samples were compliant with pesticide tolerances. No pesticide residues were found in 38.1 percent of the domestic animal food samples and 50.4 percent of the imported animal food samples.

In FY 2022, FDA conducted pesticide analyses for a focused “Domestically Produced Animal-Derived Foods” assignment. In doing so, FDA collected and analyzed 96 samples of selected animal-derived domestic foods, consisting of 36 milk, 30 shell egg, 15 honey, and 15 game meat samples. No violative pesticide chemical residues were found in 99 percent

of the animal-derived foods, and 90.6 percent of the samples contained no pesticide residues.

Companies that grow and produce foods and manufacture products intended for use as food that are sold in the U.S. are responsible for following applicable EPA and FDA regulations. To protect public health, FDA's pesticide residue monitoring program samples and tests FDA-regulated foods shipped in interstate commerce to determine whether they comply with the [pesticide tolerances for food](#), or maximum residue levels, set by the EPA. If the FDA finds that the amount of pesticide residue on a food is over the tolerance, or when a pesticide is found and there is no tolerance established, the FDA can take action.

More information about FDA's pesticide monitoring program and previous years' reports are available on the [agency's website](#).

## Congress returns next week for another funding showdown

When Congress returns from its summer recess next week, lawmakers will have just 13 working days to prevent a government shutdown, with current funding set to expire on Sept. 30. To avoid this, Congress must either pass all 12 appropriations bills or agree on a Continuing Resolution (CR).

Historically, Congress has passed short-term CRs to maintain government operations through the election period, with larger funding and legislative decisions deferred to the lame-duck session.

House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., has proposed a CR extending through March 2024, which includes a policy rider requiring proof of citizenship to vote in federal elections. However, Democrats are advocating for a shorter-term CR that would extend funding only until December, while some Republicans are pushing for individual votes on the appropriations bills. Additionally, Congress must agree on overall spending levels.

### NASS Reports:

Both the House and Senate agricultural appropriations bills restore the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) county crop yield estimate reports. However, the NASS cannot proceed until these appropriations are passed, and a CR extending to March 2024 may delay the 2025 reports.

### Farm Bill:

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Glen "GT" Thompson, R-Pa., is urging stakeholders to continue pressuring lawmakers to pass a new farm bill this year, but time is running short. While the House Agriculture Committee passed its version of the bill in May, the Senate Agriculture Committee has only released bill "frameworks." Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, anticipates that another one-year extension of the 2018 Farm Bill will likely be part of any temporary funding bill.

### China-Related Legislation:

Next week, the House is expected to vote on several China-related bills, including one that would restrict foreign ownership of U.S. agricultural land. Introduced by Rep. Dan Newhouse, R-Wash., the "Protecting American Agriculture from Foreign Adversaries Act" would add the Secretary of Agriculture to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and require the USDA to report any purchases of U.S. agricultural land by foreign entities deemed to pose national security risks. This legislation seeks to permanently enshrine provisions similar to those in the fiscal 2024 Agriculture-FDA appropriations bill, which passed in March and is set to expire at the end of September.

According to the Government Accountability Office, foreign investment in U.S. agricultural land reached 40 million acres by 2021, a 40% increase since 2016. Canada owns 32% of this foreign-held land, followed by the Netherlands at 12%, while China holds just 0.9% of U.S. agricultural land.

### Presidential Debate:

Former President Trump and Vice President Harris will meet on the debate stage on Sept. 10 at 9 p.m. ET. Hosted and moderated by ABC News, the debate will take place at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.

## USDA reports more food insecurity in 2023

In 2023, 18 million American households struggled with food availability, according to the annual [Household Food Security Report in the United States](#) released on Sept. 4 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Economic Research Service.

The percentage of food insecure households at 13.5 percent is statistically significantly higher than the 12.8 percent in 2022, USDA noted.

In a statement following the report, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said the findings "are a direct outcome of Congressional actions that short-change our children's future and erode the safety net that hard-working families rely on in hard times" including the Child Tax Credit or and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). "Notably, food insecurity held steady from year to year among households with children... This tells us that programs to help feed kids work," he said, highlighting the National School Lunch Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

According to the report, 47.4 million people lived in households experiencing some level of food insecurity in 2023, 3.2 million more than 2022 and 13.5 million more than 2021. Households in the South experienced a higher percentage of food insecurity than any other region at 14.7 percent.

About 58 percent of food-insecure households participated in one or more of the three largest federal nutrition assistance programs – SNAP, WIC, and the National School Lunch Program – during the month before the 2023 survey.

## EVENTS

### CEC registration opens Sept. 10; call for speakers closes TODAY

Attendee registration opens on **Sept. 10** for the NGFA's 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Country Elevator Conference and Trade Show (CEC) on Dec. 10-12 in Kansas City, Mo.

- **Call for Speakers:** NGFA is holding an open call for speakers from member companies to headline CEC breakouts and general sessions. The deadline to submit a proposal is **TODAY, Sept. 6**. Contact NGFA Vice President, Marketing and Member Services, [Rebecca Grubbs](#), for more information.

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- **Trade Show:** Companies interested in exhibiting at CEC can register at [ngfa.org/cec](https://ngfa.org/cec). More than half of the available trade show spots are taken!
- **Sponsors:** NGFA is also accepting sponsors for CEC. Contact NGFA Vice President, Marketing and Member Services, [Rebecca Grubbs, for more information](#).
- **Photo Contest:** NGFA's [Grain and Feed Photo Contest](#) also opens for submissions on Sept. 10. Winners will be announced during CEC. This year's theme is "Safety in Action."

NGFA's flagship meeting for grain merchants, elevator operators, feed manufacturers, processors, and grain industry suppliers attracts several hundred industry members each year for networking, education and the supplier trade show. Programming at CEC is designed to prepare, teach and inspire attendees. Go to [ngfa.org/cec](https://ngfa.org/cec) for more information.

## SUPPLEMENTS

### Register for People Spark leadership training by Sept. 20

The deadline to register for the October 2024 leadership program hosted by People Spark Consulting is Sept. 20.

NGFA members receive a **bonus private coaching session** with their Leadership Transformation Program® registration. New cohorts begin monthly throughout 2024. [Click here for information!](#)

The investment for the 12-month People Spark Leadership Transformation Program® is \$2,500. Use reference code: NGFA

NGFA and People Spark Consulting have partnered to further the mission of providing education and training to members at all levels in the agriculture industry. The [People Spark Leadership Transformation Program](#)® is a year-long course that focuses on practical application of leadership skills and tools. It starts with an 8-week intensive training, followed by 10 months of ongoing support to reinforce and sustain the learned skills.

### NGFA promotes safe handling and storage of treated seed

As harvest begins across the country, NGFA joins the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA) to remind producers and grain handlers to take the proper steps to ensure treated seed does not enter the grain supply. "It's always important to completely remove, and properly dispose of, all treated seed from containers and equipment used to handle harvested grain," ASTA notes.

For educational resources on treated seed stewardship, including videos, graphics, one-pagers and FAQs, visit: [seed-treatment-guide.com/](https://seed-treatment-guide.com/). Learn more about treated seed benefits and safety at [www.betterseed.org/treated-seeds/](https://www.betterseed.org/treated-seeds/).



## Extra Supplements

NGFA in the news:

Successful Farming: [What do farmers need to know before signing a contract?](#)

Other news:

Bloomberg: [US Sees Farm Income Falling Less Than Expected Despite Corn, Soy Price Drop](#) *(log in)*

Iowa Agribusiness Radio Network: [Grassley says farm bill score shouldn't undercut new farm bill](#)

Reuters: [US to spend \\$7.3 billion on rural clean energy projects](#)

Feed & Grain: [USDA report shows increases in soybean and canola oil production](#)

Agri-Pulse: [Food and Ag board debates purpose of defining regenerative ag](#) *(log in)*

Wall Street Journal: [How Immigration Remade the U.S. Labor Force](#) *(log in)*

Politico: [The \\$42 billion Biden internet program frustrating Dems in swing states](#)

The New York Times: [Turbine Blades Have Piled Up in Landfills. A Solution May Be Coming.](#) *(log in)*

Associated Press: [Where Harris and Trump stand on climate change and energy](#)

Reuters: [Bird flu infects California dairy cows, widening US outbreak](#)

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