



Our File: 16-1266

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Mr. Tony Mitra  
(tony.mitra@gmail.com)

Dear Mr. Mitra:

Thank you for your November 23, 2016 email requesting monthly testing of locally grown food for the presence of glyphosate. Our government supports Saskatchewan producers, their knowledge, and their reputation for producing quality food products.

I understand that Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), under the authority of the *Pest Control Products Act* and regulations, regulates the sale and use of glyphosate in Canada. Pesticides, like glyphosate, are registered for use in Canada only if the levels of exposure do not cause harmful effects to humans. We rely on the reviews and expertise of the PMRA to determine the safety of various pesticides such as glyphosate.

With regard to pesticides in food items, I have been informed that the federal *Food and Drugs Act* administered by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) prohibits the sale of adulterated food (e.g. food containing pesticide levels that exceed established limits). Saskatchewan and other provinces rely on CFIA to routinely test food products for pesticide levels.

Thank you for taking the time to outline your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Reiter', written over a circular stamp.

Jim Reiter  
Minister of Health

cc: Honourable Lyle Stewart, Minister of Agriculture