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Use the New Zealand Food Safety 'Guidance for Harvesting Produce Affected by Flood Waters for Human Consumption' document to determine whether any of your crop, or any of your remaining crop, can be harvested for consumption.

https://www.mpi.govt.nz/food-business/food-safety-codes-standards/

CAN BE HARVESTED FOR CONSUMPTION

Crops exposed to uncontaminated rain water are considered safe for consumption and can be harvested. Be sure to:

- Clearly identify and segregate affected and unaffected crop at all times during harvesting, handling and/or disposal.
- Avoid cross-contamination by workers and equipment when operating in affected areas versus unaffected areas.

It would be advisable to discuss with your customer (e.g. supermarket) any proposed course of action

This document is <u>not</u> intended to replace any official advice. Growers are required to act in accordance with New Zealand Food Safety regulations. Contact NZFS for any further questions you have regarding flood-affected produce: info@mpi.govt.nz | 0800 00 83 33