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| **PRE-HARVEST ASSESSMENT** | | |
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**Objective**

To evaluate the risks of possible contamination sources before harvesting activities begin and take the necessary measures to avoid harvesting contaminated product.

**Control Measures**

* Before starting harvest operations, an inspection of the equipment and tools that will be used during the day is carried out. They must be clean and in good condition.
* All harvest containers and transport vehicles in direct contact with (product name) must be cleaned (and/or sanitized) prior to their use.
* Potential sources of physical, chemical, and microbiological hazards are reviewed in all areas.
* The following must be checked in machinery, tractors, trailers, conveyor belts, and other equipment:
* Drip pans are in their proper place and securely fastened.
* Chemical products, such as oil, grease and fuels, are outside the cultivation field.
* Hoses, motors, and hydraulic fittings must be tight, leak-free, and show no signs of recent leaks or drips.
* Loose or damaged equipment parts are removed or repaired immediately.
* Equipment parts containing glass (such as lightbulbs) are protected to prevent the contamination of product in case they break.
* Any foreign material (glass, metal, wood, etc.) found in harvesting equipment is removed.
* Any damaged harvest containers are properly disposed of or repaired.
* The evaluation is documented, and corrective actions are recorded (RECORD-12).

**Animal Activity Risk Assessment**

* Fields and adjacent lands are assessed prior to harvest, focusing on domestic and wild animal activity, including grazing and confined animal feeding operations, identifying type and approximate number of animals, proximity to the fields, water sources and other relevant factors (RECORD-12).
* Nesting areas in surrounding areas of the field are prevented and eliminated, removing all garbage, debris, discarded agricultural machinery, old tires, etc., that can harbor and attract insects, rodents, reptiles, or other wild animals.
* Domestic animals are not allowed to enter the production areas (optional policy for each farm). If there are domestic animals at the farm, they must be in a fenced and/or designated area so that they do not enter the production areas during harvest or other cultivation activities.
* Eating is not allowed in harvest areas to avoid attracting animals and pests.
* Daily patrols are carried out on the entire area of the farm to look for evidence of animal, rodent and bird activity (traps, tracks, feces, urine, etc.). If any sign is observed and a corrective action is required, it is recorded in the corrective action record (RECORD-02).
* If the product is visibly contaminated, it is not harvested.
* When there is an unusual animal activity incident, a corrective action is implemented, and its efficiency is evaluated.