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Tree and Crop Research Project: Aflatoxin Monitoring Program

Objective: (1) To continue the programs of monitoring aflatoxins in various almond projects which have been in effect since 1973. (2) To continue participation in an aflatoxin analytical check program carried out by the American Oil Chemist Society and the World Health Organization.

## Part 1 - Aflatoxin Monitoring

The monitoring program, which has been continued since 1973, Progress: is intended to demonstrate the concern of the almond industry in policing itself and, more importantly, monitoring the yearly trend of removing aflatoxins from edible products intended for human consumption. This monitoring program, as always, remains extremely important to: (1) demonstrate the industry's concern for maintaining a high quality product free of aflatoxins and (2) provide regulatory officials with the opportunity to direct their resources to more likely areas of food contamination.

Type of Sample	Samples Collected	Number Contaminated			
Select Nuts	97	1 (154 ppb)			
Mfg. Stock	44	3 (6,11,13 ppb)			
Hulls	20	0			
0il Stock	21	19 (6,8,14,15,16,18,18 20,21,23,23,25,26, 26,27,33,34,36,95			

	SELECT NUTS	MFG. STOCK			OIL STOCK	• •	HULLS	
-	<pre># Contaminated # Sampled</pre>	X	<pre># Contaminated # Sampled</pre>	2	<pre> # Contaminated # Sampled </pre>	2	<pre>     Contaminated     Sampled </pre>	2
1973	NS	0	11/50	22	NS	NS	NS	NS
1974	0/34	0	7/50	14	22/34*	64.7	NS	NS
1975	NS	NS	13/100	13	16/16	100	NS	NS
1976	NS	NS	7/55	12.7	30/51*	59	1/15	6.7
1977	1/100	1.0	1/40	2.5	10/10	100	5/20	25
1978	5/100	5.0	2/41	4.9	10/10	100	3/20	15
1979	1/100	1.0	2/40	5	10/10	100	0/20	0
1980	2/100	2.0	1/41	2.4	10/10	100	2/21	9.5
1981	3/114	2.6	2/41	4.9	10/10	100	2/14	14
1982	4/ 93	4.3	2/41	4.9	6/9	67	2/19	11
1983	3/100	3.0	1/40	2.5	9/10	90	1/21	4.8
1984	2/107	1.9	1/40	2.5	8/13	62	4/16	25
1985	0/104	0	2/36	5.6	2/2	100	0/25	0
1986	0/95	0	3/44.	6.8	6/7	86	0/20	0
1987	0/105	0	0/38	0	9/10	90	4/22	18
1988	1/97	1.0	3/44	6.8	19/21	90	0/20	0

NS = No Samples Taken \* = Reject Nuts, Not Press Cake Meal



January 19, 1990



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Sue:

Your memorandum of January 10, 1990, is a request for the comprehensive project report.

Our report is the same as the report given at the research meeting. A copy is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Jan

Paul C. Bolin Laboratory Director

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Enclosure