



CAST Issue Paper 66

Interpreting Pesticide Residues in Food

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Chair: Carl Winter, University of California-Davis
6-member task force

Release/Rollout

On October 21, Dr. Carl Winter, the task force chair, presented highlights and key findings of the paper in Washington, D.C., at a morning Senate briefing, to House staffers at a Lunch-n-Learn noon seminar, and an off-the-hill presentation and discussion held at CropLife America. There were 59 registrants for these events.

In-kind Contributions: 270 volunteer hours; \$19,980 monetary value

Press Release (results two weeks after release)

- Press release went to 8,714 e-contacts resulting in 4,271 opens.
- The [press release through PRWeb](#) resulted in 2,508 views and reached 1,404 targeted influencers (journalists/bloggers).
- 97 media outlets posted the press release. A sampling of sites where the release was picked up: British Crop Production Council (BCPC), University of Maryland Extension Vegetable and Fruit News, Yahoo, many daily news and business journal sites, and regional news channels (ABC, CBS, CW, FOX, NBC).

Follow-On Activities

- Video of Dr. Winter's presentation and slides posted on CAST website and YouTube. [Click here to view](#). (326 views as of April 21, 2021).
- The issue paper was [translated into Mandarin Chinese](#) and posted online May 8, 2020.
- The issue paper was [translated into French](#) posted online June 8, 2020.

Paper Distribution

- Paper Distribution—1 year after release: 1,878

Indirect Paper Distribution

Bayer CropScience Resource Library

<https://www.cropscience.bayer.com/resourcelibrary>

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CropLife Vietnam

<https://croplifevietnam.org/cat-tai-lieu/tl-bao-ve-thuc-vat>

EBSCO

University of California-Davis, Food Safety

<https://ucfoodsafety.ucdavis.edu/consumers/food-science-and-law-consumers>

Articles and Web Mentions

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The Well, *New CAST Report Concludes Pesticide Residues in Food Are Safe*, October 23, 2019, Keith Mathews

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