



To our Valued Customers,

As we welcome the upcoming Labor Day holiday and approach the last few weeks of the summer season in Salinas, TFCA Quality Assurance would like to provide an important update regarding current rising Diamondback moth insect pressure. We would also like to outline the initiative-taking measures we are taking to maintain product integrity and wholesomeness.

In recent weeks, our industry has been impacted by increasing stressors. Here at Taylor Farms, we have also seen an increase in insect pressure / presence primarily Diamondback moth throughout the Salinas and surrounding inland valleys. The heightened presence of Diamondback moth varies but is increasing. While some fields are more impacted than others, this uptick in activity is widespread and expected to increase during this stage of the growing season.

To address this, we are implementing some additional measures:

- Our raw product teams continue to collaborate closely with growers and their Pest Control Advisors to conduct ongoing field monitoring and implement treatment programs and apply materials as needed.
- At the facility level, we have increased sampling rigor at receiving and frequency of finished product inspections to ensure quality standards are maintained throughout production.

In addition to insect activity, please note that we are also closely monitoring weather-related variables that could present additional quality challenges. Warming trends, paired with increased humidity due to remnants of the monsoon season moving north may also contribute to crop stress, disease, and further insect pressure. This can impact product quality & condition in the short term over the next 4 to 6 weeks.

Despite these seasonal challenges, our Harvest, Receiving, Production, and Quality Assurance teams remain committed to delivering the best possible product. We will continue to communicate and provide updates as conditions evolve over the coming weeks.

We appreciate your partnership and understanding as we navigate the remainder of the Salinas season. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Taylor Farms California Foodservice, FSQA Quality Assurance