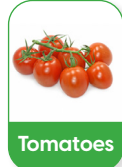
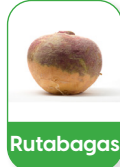


STAR-K BUG CHECKING CHART

No Checking Required



No Checking Required; Store Properly

These items should be purchased from companies that employ proper quality control and storage practices. Make sure they are properly sealed and stored in a cool, dry area. Improper storage can lead to infestation issues. No additional checking is required.



Rinse Well

1. Wash the produce under a strong stream of water.* 2. For **peppers**: remove stem and surrounding area. 3. No further checking is necessary.

* For **celery stalks** & **peppers**: scrub by hand or a vegetable brush while washing



Visual Check & Thrip Cloth

Remove triangular side leaves and use the thrip cloth method on the tops. NOTE: Many people find peeling asparagus completely like a carrot yields a tasty kosher result, with no further checking required.



Thrip Cloth Method

1. Wash the produce well. (Use warm water for broccoli and cauliflower.)
2. Fill a basin with warm water and add a non-toxic dishwasher detergent so the water feels "slippery."
3. Agitate the produce in the solution for 15 seconds.
4. Remove the produce and shake off excess water over the basin. Set the produce aside.
5. Line a colander with a thrip cloth and pour the water through it.
6. Place thrip cloth over a light box and check for insects.
7. If insects are found, repeat steps 1-6. This can be done up to 3 times. If insects are still found on the third try, the produce should not be used.



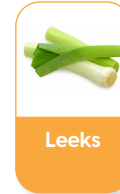
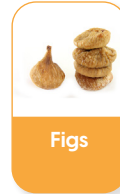
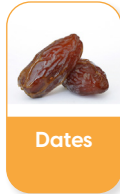
Peel Properly

Mites are being found in the crown and outer rind, as well as inside the blossom cups and crevices, if the pineapple is not peeled properly. The pineapple should be peeled until only yellow fruit is visible. The fruit and cutting board should be rinsed after peeling since the insects often crawl onto the cutting board. The crown and rind should not be used on decorative platters since the insects can migrate to other fruit.



Visual Check

Look for holes, webbing or insects inside the fruit. See our website for pictures and more detailed instructions. For Leeks and Scallions: Check inside tube and between leaves, as well as outside the tube for leaf-miner trails.



Remove Peel & Rinse



Mites can be found between the layers of the peel.



Note: Quinoa requires KFP certification due to concerns of being processed on *chometz* equipment.

1. Place quinoa in a strainer that won't allow the quinoa to fall through (approx. 15-25 mesh)
2. Shake over white paper or lightbox for approx. 30 seconds.
3. Inspect paper for insects (specifically booklice).

Soap Wash



1. Prepare a basin of detergent solution, using at least two tablespoons of detergent per gallon of water.
2. Agitate the berries in the solution for 10-15 seconds.
3. Let the berries soak for at least one minute.
4. Rinse the berries well. **NOTE:** Strawberries must be rinsed *individually* under a strong stream of water.
5. Repeat steps 1-4 a second time.
6. For **strawberries**, cut off the tops of the berry along with a little of the fruit. No further checking is required.
7. For **blueberries**, we recommend inspecting samples for presence of scale insects that may be embedded in the outer layer of the berry. We do not recommend using organic, pick-your-own or wild-grown blueberries.

Not Recommended

Checking is not practical.

