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Pesticide Residues in Products of Plant Origin

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The monitoring system

- responsible authority:

  Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority (CAFIA)

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- **responsible person:**

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The monitoring system

Sampling is based on the principles of the risk assessment:

- excise patterns of the commodity
- risk rate of the commodity
- risk rate of the pesticide
- volume of the production
- new foodstuffs on the market

The monitoring system

Control criteria:

- knowledge from previous controls
- data analysis in the information system
- topical findings of the inspectors
- findings of other authorities (hygienists, veterinary screenings, police etc.)
- incentives of consumers
- incentives of media and advertisements
- findings of abroad control authorities
- EC recommendations
- information of the rapid warning system (RASFF)

The origin and number of samples

	domestic products	% domestic products	other EU MS products	%other EU MS products	products imported from TC	%products imported from TC	total
Fresh products of plant origin, incl. fruit, vegetables	138	22,55	357	58,33	117	19,12	**612**
Cereals	17	60,71	7	25	4	14,29	**28**
Processed products (except baby food)	22	62,86	11	31,84	2	5,71	**35**
Baby food	27	56,25	21	43,75	0	0,00	**48**
total	**204**	**28,22**	**396**	**54,77**	**123**	**17,01**	**723**

EU MS – European Union Member States
TC – Third Countries

Number of analysed pesticides: 119

- **National monitoring: 593 samples**
- **EU coordinated monitoring: 130 samples**

total 723 samples

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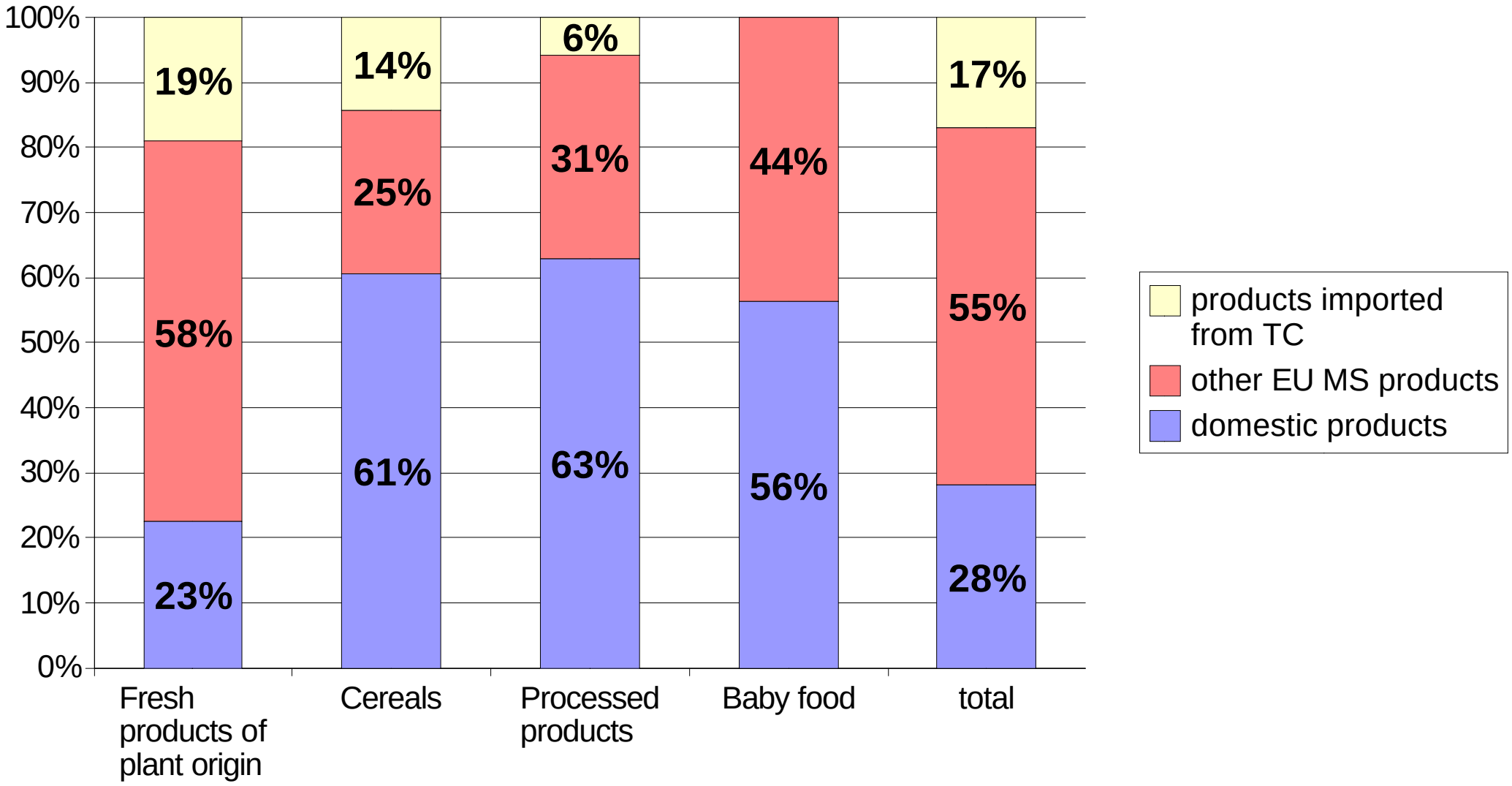

Results

	samples without detectable residues	%	samples with residues at or below MRL	%	samples with residues exceeding the MRL	%	samples with residues exceeding EC-MRLs	%
Fresh products of plant origin, incl. fruit, vegetables	327	53.43	273	44.61	12	1,96	9	1.47
Cereals	26	92.86	2	7.14	0	0.00	0	0.00
Processed products (except baby food)	31	88.57	4	11.43	0	0.00	0	0.00
Baby food	42	87.50	3	6.25	3	6.25	3	6.25
total	**426**	**58,92**	**282**	**39,00**	**15**	**2,07**	**12**	**1,66**

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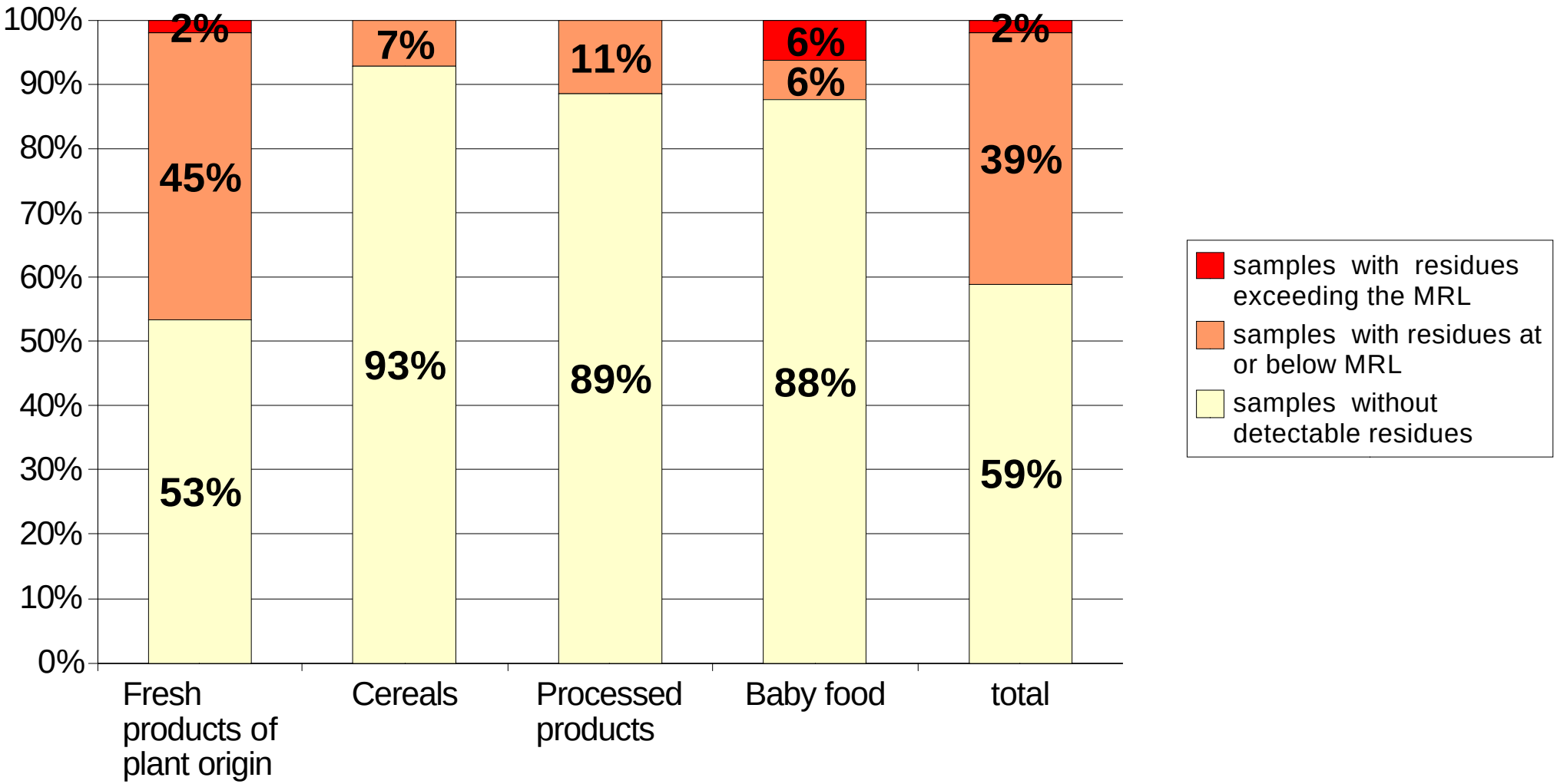

Most often found pesticides

Pesticides found in more than 3 % of analysed samples

pesticide	% of samples
O-fenylfenol	66,20
Bromide	33,30
Maneb group	17,80
Imazalil	12,45
Carbendazim	11,00
Thiabendazole	10,80
Ethephon	5,50
DDT (sum)	4,93
Procymidon	4,14
Chlormequat	3,85
Chlorpyrifos	3,59
Endosulfan (sum of isomers)	3,19

Critical commodities

- Strawberries
- Parsley
- Bean
- Cucumbers
- Oranges (and citruses in general)
- Pepper
- Leek
- Lettuce
- Carrot

Critical commodity - pesticide combinations

- Strawberries / Cyromazine - Spain
- Parsley / DDT – the Czech Republic
- Bean / Endosulfan (sum of isomers) – Spain + Chlorpyrifos - Egypt
- Cucumbers / Endosulfan (sum of isomers) - Spain
- Oranges / Chlorpyrifos + Procymidon - Spain
- Pepper / Pirimiphos-methyl - Spain
- Leek / Tebuconazole - France
- Lettuce / Tolylfluanid – Belgium
- Carrot / Linuron – Netherlands + Dieldrin – the Czech Republic
- Rice / Permethrin - the Czech Republic

Multiply residues

Multiply residues = samples with more than 2 pesticides found

number of pesticide residues found	number of samples	% of total samples
2	117	16,18
3	68	9,41
4	42	5,81
5	22	3,04
6	8	1,11
7	7	0,97
8	1	0,14
total number of samples with multiple residues (>=2):	**265**	**36,65**

Thank you for your attention