







GUIDE TO GOOD CROP PROTECTION PRACTICES FOR GINGER (*ZINGIBER OFFICINALE*)

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Introduction

Ginger: Zingiberaceae belongs to perennial monocotyledoneae plants. The edible part are the rhizome and the young shoots (pseudostems).

1. Main pests and diseases

1.1 Extent and impact on the quantity and quality of fruit produced

The main pests and diseases that will be discussed in this guide are listed below. This section presents, for each pest or disease: the level of economic importance generally observed in ACP countries rated on the following scale: + = low, ++ = average, +++ = high; the parts of the plant affected and how they are attacked;

the resulting types of loss, all of which decrease the yield of marketable rhizomes or shoots and consequently end up causing a loss of financial income. The presence of pests and diseases can reduce yield and cause losses at different levels: fewer plants per hectare, less rhizomes or shoots per plant, smaller-sized rhizomes, lower quality of rhizomes or shoots.

There are no pest or disease of ginger that is a quarantine organisms in Europe.

One should check the status of quarantine organisms on the websites http://europa.eu/scadplus/leg/fr/lvb/f85001.htm and http://www.eppo.org/ QUARANTINE/quarantine.htm since regulation can change.

	INSECTS										
	Organs	attacked		Types	of loss						
Extent	Rhizome Shoots and leaves Number of plants Number of rhizome or shoots Size of rhizome Quality										
	·		Shoot borer or yellow	•							
		Conogethes pu	<i>inctiferalis</i> ; Synonym	n: Dichocrosis puncti	feralis						
+		Larvae bore into pseudostems and feed on growing shoots		Up to 50% of pseudostems can be lost per plant	Can be reduced						

			INSECTS	}						
ŧ	Organs	Organs attacked Types of loss								
Extent	Rhizome	Shoots and leaves	Number of plants	Number of rhizome or shoots	Size of rhizome	Quality of shoots or rihizome				
			Rhizome scale - Asp	idiella hartii		·				
+	Larvae on rhizome			Reduction by weakeni	In storage buds and rhizome shrivel and sprouting reduced					
		Roo	t Knot Nematodes - /							
+	Attacks roots from rhizome		Plant death exceptionally	Reduced if heavy infe Nematode infestation rot disease.						
			·	·						
			FUNGI							
	Organs	attacked		Types	of loss					
Extent	Rhizome	Shoots and leaves	Number of plants	Number of rhizome or shoots	Quality of shoots or rihizome					
			<i>Pythium</i> sp)p.						

++	Mycelium develop or collar regions of plar shoot		Up to 90 % of plants may die	Soft rot can cause failure of rhizomes to sprout	Possible reduction because shoots and leaves turn yellow and collapse	
		Yellow	ıs – Fusarium oxyspo	<i>rium</i> f.sp. <i>zingiberi</i>		
++	Entering throug roots or rhizome	Progress into the stems	Large areas in a crop can have 100% kill	Reduced because pla become un-harvestab	nt ceases to grow and le	
			Leaf spot - <i>Phyllosti</i>	cta zingiberi		
++		Mycelium develop on leaves			Reduced	Possible reduction of shoots quality due to presence of spots
		Ant	thracnose - <i>Colletotri</i>	ichum zingiberis		
+++		Mycelium develop on leaves			Reduced	Possible reduction of shoots quality due to presence of spots

	BACTERIA											
	Organs	attacked		Types	of loss							
Extent	Rhizome	Shoots and leaves	Number of plants	Number of rhizome or shoots	Size of rhizome	Quality of shoots or rihizome						
	Bac	terial wilt - <i>Ralstoni</i>	a solanacearum - Sy	nonym: <i>Pseudomona</i>	s solanacearum							
+	Attacks through roots and rhizome		Large areas in a crop can have 100% kill									

	VIRUSES										
	Organs	attacked		Types	of loss						
Extent	Rhizome Shoots and leaves Nu		Number of plants	Number of rhizome or shoots	Size of rhizome	Quality of shoots or rihizome					
			Mosaic disease o	of Ginger							
+	The whole plant. Moc not known	le of transmission	ransmission Reduction due to less photosynthesis and wilt								

1.2 Identification and damage

This section provides information and illustrations to help with the identification of the main pests and diseases.

INSECTS

Shoot borer or yellow peach moth Conogethes punctilferalis; Synonym: Dichocrosis punctiferalis

A medium sized moth with wingspan of 18-24 mm, the wings and body are pale yellow with minute black spots. The eggs are laid in the shoot tip when very young and the larvae burrow down into the shoot tip. There are five larvae instars, the largest being light brown with few hairs and can reach up to 25 mm in length. The growing shoots turns yellow and dries. Holes can be seen in the pseudostem and frass is often also seen at the hole entrance.









Rhizome scale - Aspidiella hartii

The adult female is minute, circular and light brown to grey measuring about 1.5 mm in diameter. The scale are sap suckers and feed on the surface of the rhizome in the late stage of the field crop. Sooty mould can develop particularly in storage and the rhizome shrivels and in severe infestation can inhibit bud sprouting.

NEMATODES

Root Knot Nematodes - Meloidogyne spp.

Root knot nematodes can not be seen with the naked eye, however their damage is very obvious. The roots coming off the rhizomes will have knobbly galls, and are an integral part of the root. They are firm and can become extensive around the rhizome which is likely to be reduced in size. The nematode attack usually occurs in patches in the field and reduce grow is the visual symptom to the patch.

FUNGI

Pythium spp.

Circular and inconspicuous spots, grey in colour. Black dots (fruiting bodies (pycnidia) develop in spot centre. On the stems, light brown elongated areas with purple margins develop near the soil surface. These margins girdle the stem and turn black, hence the name black leg. Affected plants will wilt and die.

Fusariose - *Fusarium oxysporium* f.sp. *zingiberi*

Initially yellowing of leaf margins on lower leaves, then spreading to younger leaves with leaves drying up. Other symptoms include wilting, drooping, drying, yellowing in patches or whole beds. Cream or browning of stems and rhizome.

Leaf spot - Phylllosticta zingiberi

The disease starts as a water soaked spot and later turns as a white spot surrounded by dark brown margins and yellow halo. The lesions enlarge and adjacent lesions coalesce to form necrotic areas.



Spots on leaves

Anthracnose - Collectotrichum zingiberis

Small round to oval light yellow spots on leaves, increase in size and often coalesce to form large discoloured areas. Holes can occur in the leaf or leaf drop.

BACTERIA

Bacterial wilt - Ralstonia solanacearum; Synonym: Pseudomonas solanacearum

Wilting and yellowing of lower leaves which spreads upwards until all the leaves are yellow. The pseudostem will become watery and readily breaks away from the under ground rhizome. The vascular tissue darkens to a black colour and the plant eventually collapses. Diseased rhizomes are usually darker and have water soaked areas and when cut have a milky white exudates.



Yellowing of a leaf



Water-soaked areas occur, and a milky liquid oozes out when rhizomes are cut



Rotting rhizome



Translucent rhizome

VIRUSES Mosaic and Chlorotic Fleck Viruses of Ginger

Mosaic virus - Damage seen as yellow and green mosaic pattern on leaves. Plants affected show stunting. Chlorotic Fleck – Damage seen as flecking on the leaves.

1.3 Appearance of pests and diseases in terms of the phenological stage of the plant

The following table shows the stages of cultivation during which crop enemies are potentially present and the stages during which their presence can do the most harm. It is especially during the latter stages that they must be monitored and controlled if necessary. The purpose is to show that the presence of a pest, disease or pathogenic agent is not always harmful to the crop.

Stage of the crop	Conogethes punctiferalis	Aspidiella hartii	<i>Meloidogyne</i> spp.	<i>Pythium</i> spp.	Phylllosticta zingiberi	Fusarium oxysporium f.sp. zingiberi	Collectotrichum zingiberis	Ralstonia solanacearum	Mosaic and Chlorotic Fleck
Rhizome in storage and planting									
Early rhizome and pseu- dostem growth									
Further development of the plant									
Mature crop and large canopy									
At harvesting of rhizome									

Periods during which pest or pathogenic agent is potentially present

Periods during which the appearance of a large numbers of pest or pathogenic agent can cause the greatest loss

1.4 Extent according to country/time of year and climate conditions favourable to crop enemies

Key:

KEN = Kenya, UGA = Uganda, and TAN = Tanzania

0 = no damage

+ = light damage

++ = medium damage: control needed

+++ = serious damage: control essential

X = light damage but importance by month not known

XX = medium damage but importance by month not known

XXX = serious damage but importance by month not known I = no information available

N.B. the inventory of pests and diseases has not been conducted exhaustively in all countries. The pest may be present, but has perhaps never been observed in the country on the crop, because it does not cause serious damage.

				Shoo	t borer - <i>l</i>	Conogethe	s punctilfe	ralis;					
	Synonym: Yellow peach moth - Dichocrosis punctiferalis												
Favourable conditions: A moderate pest in dry months, rainfall reduces adult populations and is less of a problem in wet years and months.													
Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
KEN	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
UGA	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
TAN	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
				F	Rhizome so	cale - <i>Aspi</i>	diella hart	ii					
Favourab	le conditio	ons: A mino	or pest in A	frica but ha	s been repo	orted. More	prevalent ir	n dry seaso	NS.				
Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
KEN	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
UGA	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
TAN	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
				Root	Knot Nema	atodes - <i>M</i>	leloidogyn	e spp.					
Favourab	le conditio	ons: All yea	r round, as	residual in	the soil an	d can infec	t clean plan	iting materi	al.				
Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
KEN	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
UGA	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
TAN	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	

				L	eaf spot -	Phylllostic	ta zingibe	ri				
		ons: In hum	nid and rain	y weather. [.]	The problen	n is as impo	ortant as it i	is rainy. The	e fungus sp	reads with s	splashed wa	ater durin
frequent h	eavy rain.											
Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
KEN	+	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	++	++	+
UGA	++	+	++	+++	+	+	+	+	+	++	++	++
TAN	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	++	++	+	+
					P	<i>ythium</i> sp	p.					
Favourab	le conditio	ons: In hum	nid and rair	ıy weather,	with over w	et and poor	ly drained s	soils.				
Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
KEN	+	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	++	++	+
UGA	++	+	+	++	++	++	+	+	+	++	++	++
TAN	+	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	++	++	+
				Anth	racnose -	Collectotri	chum zing	iberis				
Favourab	le conditio	ons: In hum	nid and rair	ıy weather v	with leaf we	tness.						
Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
KEN	+	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	++	++	+
UGA	+++	+	++	+++	++	+	+	+	++	+++	+++	++
TAN	+	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	++	++	+
				Yellows	- Fusariu	m oxyspor	<i>ium</i> f.sp. <i>z</i>	ringiberi				
Favourab	le conditio	ons: In hum	nid and rain	ıy weather a	and over we	t soils with	poor draina	age and wa	rm tempera	itures.		
Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
KEN	+	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	++	++	+
UGA	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	++	+
TAN	+	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	++	++	+
		Bac	terial wilt	- Ralstonia	a solanace	<i>arum</i> ; Syn	onym: <i>Pse</i>	udomonas	solanace	arum		
Favourab	le conditio	ons: In wet	and poorly	drained soi	ils.							
Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
KEN	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
UGA	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
TAN	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
				Mosaic	and Chlor	otic Fleck	Viruses of	f Ginger				
Favourab	le conditio	ons: Potent	ially preser	nt all year ro								
Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
KEN	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
UGA	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
TAN	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х

2. Main control methods

2.1. Introduction

There are a limited number of pest and diseases of ginger. As a perennial crop there is a risk of transferring pathogens with the planting material, therefore extra care must be taken to avoid planting "dirty" or infected material. Also as there are some soil borne pests (nematodes) and diseases (*Fusarium* and *Pythium*), care must be taken not to plant into already contaminated soils. The relatively long crop cycle makes the control of pests and diseases difficult to rectify if they are present early in the crop cycle.

Planting material

The planting material is major source of inoculum, therefore every effort must be adopted to use clean planting material. Visual infection is the obvious method however this is not a guaranteed to detect problems also plant only from crops that have shown no disease symptoms.

Heat treatment of ginger rhizomes has been used for the control of bacterial wilt, nematodes and *Fusarium*. Heat can be provided by different methods (solar, hot air, hot water). However in any heat treatment there is a fine divide between enough heat to kill the pathogen but not too much so that the rhizome will not be damaged. Solarization is a low cost and environmental friendly method of pathogen elimination. Maintaining temperatures at a temperature of 40 - 50°C for 30 minutes has been shown effective at the control of bacterial wilt. However when heat treatment is undertaken care must be taken to monitor the temperature and avoid rhizome damage. Solarization under clear polythene sheets in bright sunlight is a possible practical method for heat treatment.

Ginger has been widely tissue cultured as a method rapid multiplication and elimination of pathogens. This is a possible means of producing high quality, clean planting material that can be further propagated under isolated field conditions, prior to planting in commercial production fields.

Planting in clean soil

Soil borne pathogens pose an important threat to ginger production, particularly bacterial wilt, *Fusarium* and nematodes. It is impossible to eliminate these pathogens from the soil. However methods for their reduction can include crop rotation which include non susceptible crops, ensure the soil is not infected with irrigation water high in pathogens, cross contamination with cultivation equipment and use of soil sterilization. Chemicals for soil disinfection are an option but they are usually a temporary measure.

Crop Monitoring

Ginger has a relatively long crop cycle therefore crop monitoring from planting to harvesting is an important crop protection strategy. A disease or pest that is not detected early can result in much more damage than if detection was early in the pest or disease attack. In addition pests and diseases can be anticipated through experience and crop history in local sites.

2.2. Pest or disease cycle; positioning of control methods and factors influencing the development of the cycle

Based on the stages of development of each pest or disease, the following are the applicable control methods, as well as the effects of natural factors other than those related to climate, which are described in Part 1.4. of this guide. The control methods are then positioned in terms of the plant's development cycle.

<u>N.B.</u>: the illustrations of the cycles represent the different stages of development, but in no case should these illustrations be used to identify pests or diseases. For identification, please return to part 1.2 of this guide.

The control methods for pests or diseases whose cycle is not illustrated are presented in a table.

The second column of the table shows what actions should be taken to control the different stages of development of the pest or the disease shown in the first column.

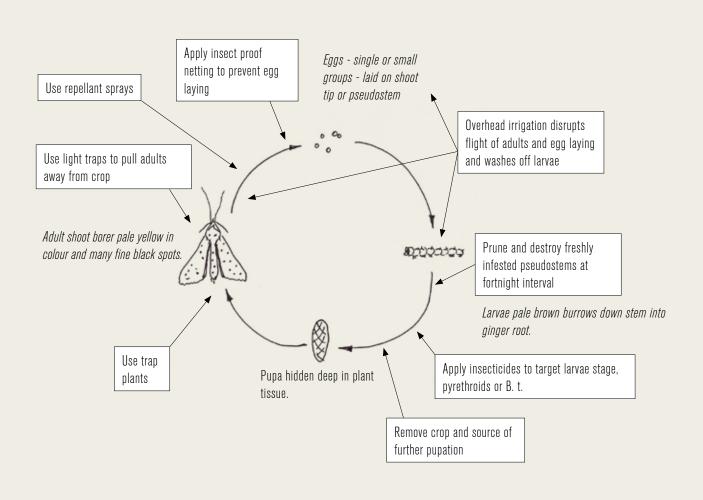
In the second column, actions that can be referred to as "cultivation practices" are shown in green boxes, and actions that can be referred to as "application of plant protection products", in pink boxes.

Cultivation practices Application of plant protection product

The third column shows the cultivation stage during which these actions should be taken.

SHOOT BORER OR YELLOW PEACH MOTH

Positioning of control methods in terms of the development stage of the pest



Positioning of control methods in terms of the development cycle of the plan

After planting and during crop growth

- Apply insect proof netting to prevent egg laying when plants are young.
- Plant trap plants to pull moths away from crop.
- Apply overhead irrigation, which disrupts flight of adult, and washes off larvae.
- Apply insecticides for control of larvae such as pyrethroids or B. t.
- Use repellent sprays such as neem based products.
- Prune and destroy freshly infested pseudostems at fortnight interval.
- Use light traps to pull adults away from crop.

After last harvesting

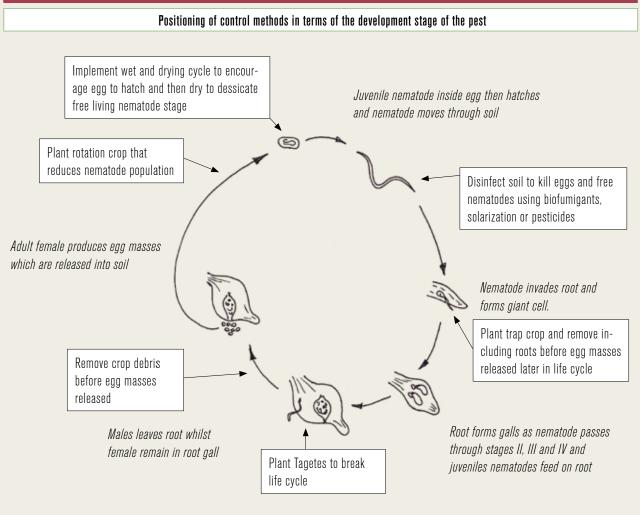
- Remove crop and source of further pupation.

	Rhizome scale – <i>Aspidiella hartii</i>							
				Stades	de la	culture)	
Development stage of the pest Eggs laid on rhizome	Action	Storage of rhizome	Choice of piece of land	Field preparation	Planting	From transplanting to harvest of rhizome	Postharvest	In the field after last harvesting
Eggs laid on rhizome	Avoid vicinity of host plants*	Х	Х	Х		Х		
	Avoid crawlers moving to clean material	Х					Х	
Crawlers	Dip rhizomes in contact insecticide spray to kill crawlers as only stage without waxy layer for protection	Х			Х		Х	
Scale larvae and adult female	Apply systemic insecticide to growing plant					Х		
Adults	Destroy badly infected rhizomes, avoid replanting in land affected by scale infected rhizomes	Х	Х		Х		Х	Х

 $X\,=\,action$ to be taken at the cultivation stage shown in the corresponding column

* Hosts include species of: Colocasia, Curcuma longa, Dioscorea, Ipomoea batatas and Zingiber

ROOT KNOT NEMATODE



Positioning of control methods in terms of the development cycle of the plant

At field preparation

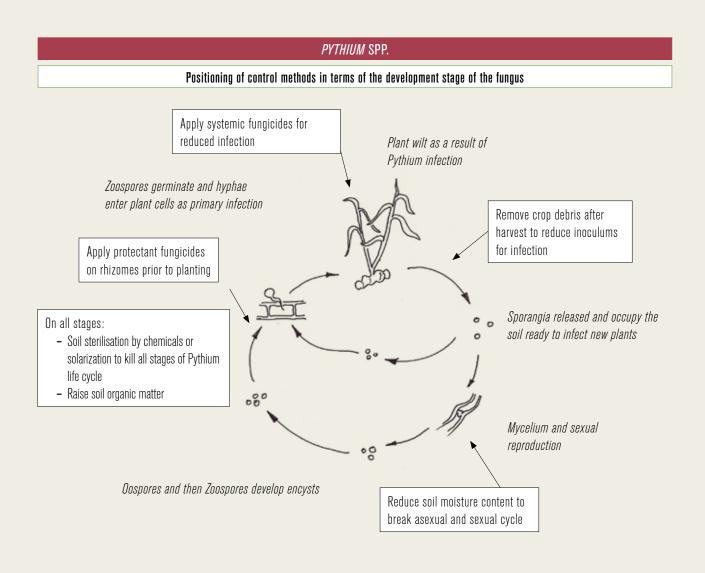
- Select production site that has low population of nematodes.
- Plant rotation crop that will reduce nematode population.
- Undertake soil sterilization which includes biofumigation (using brassicas family plants that release isothiocyanates on breakdown of tissue), solarization or chemical pesticdes.
- Put soil through wetting (irrigation) and drying cycle (cultivation) that in turn promotes egg masses to germinate and then desiccates free living nematodes to reduce nematode pressure.
- Plant Tagetes to break life cycle.
- Plant trap crop and remove including roots before egg masses released later in life cycle.

During sensible stage of the plant (see 1.3)

- Boost growth with added fertiliser (e.g. urea) to over come nematode effect on growth (this does not control nematodes but reduces impact on crop performance).

After last harvesting

- Remove crop debris (especially infected roots) and source of further source of egg mass release.



Positioning of control methods in terms of the development cycle of the plant

At field preparation

- Avoid choosing a field with a history of *Pythium* infection.
- Consider sterilization by solarization or chemical application.
- Raise soil organic matter to increase microflora activity and natural competition for harmful soil pathogens

At planting

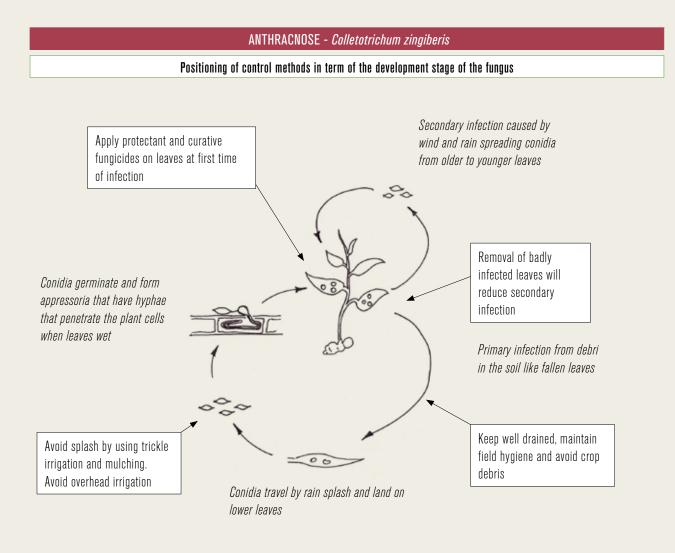
- If a wet site then plant on ridges to increase drainage.
- Dip rhizomes prior to planting in fungicide that will reduce *Pythium* development.

During sensible stage of the plant (see 1.3.)

- Apply fungicides that work systemically where conditions are expected to encourage Pythium.
- Do not apply excessive irrigation.

After last harvesting

- Remove old crop as source of additional inoculum.



Positioning of control methods in terms of the development cycle of the plant

Soil choice and preparation

- Avoid splash by using trickle irrigation and mulching. Avoid overhead irrigation.
- Avoid crop debris.

During sensible stage of the plant (see 1.3.)

- Apply protectant and curative fungicides on leaves at first time of infection.
- Removal of badly infected leaves will reduce secondary infection.
- Keep well drained, maintain field hygiene and avoid crop debris.

After last harvesting

- Avoid crop debris.

	Leaf spot - <i>Phylllosticta zingiberi</i>							
				Cultiv	ation s	tages		
Development stage of the fungus	Action	Storage of rhizome	Choice of piece of land	Field preparation	Planting	From transplanting to harvest of rhizome	Postharvest	In the field after last harvesting
Germination	Apply fungicide protectant or eradicant at first sign of infection					Х		
Development in the plant						Λ		
	Avoid vicinity of host plants					Х		
Spreading	preading Avoid secondary infection by hand removal and rouging badl infected plants					Х		

 $X\,=\,action$ to be taken at the cultivation stage shown in the corresponding column

	Fusariosis – <i>Fusarium oxysporium</i> f.sp. <i>zingibe</i>	ri						
				Cultiv	ation s	tages		
Development stage of the pest	Action	Storage of rhizome	Choice of piece of land	Field preparation	Planting	From transplanting to harvest of rhizome	Postharvest	In the field after last harvesting
	Dip rhizomes in contact fungicide spray to reduce infection,				Х			
Germination	however will not totally eliminate problem as systemic disease							
	Avoid areas with heavy nematode infestations		Х			V	V	
Development in the plant	Apply systemic fungicide to growing plant					Х	Х	
	Soil sterilization by solar, biofumigation			Х				
Conservation in the soil	Soil sterilization by fungicides			Х				
	Avoid replanting in land affected by Fusarium		Х					
	Crop rotation of at least 2-5 years between ginger		Х					Х
	Avoid vicinity of host plants		Х	Х	Х	Х		
Spreading	Avoid planting infected material to reinfect clean rhizomes. Only take planting material from areas known to be free from disease				Х			
σμισαμπιμ	When cutting up seed, discard any pieces showing shrivelling or brown discolouration and regularly dip the cutting knife in methy- lated sprits or a commercial disinfectant solution				Х			

 $X\,=\,action$ to be taken at the cultivation stage shown in the corresponding column

Bacterial wilt - <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> ; Synonym: <i>Pseudomonas solanacearum</i> Cultivation stages												
				Cultiv	ation s	tages						
Development stage of the pest	Action	Storage of rhizome	Choice of piece of land	Field preparation	Planting	From transplanting to harvest of rhizome	Postharvest	In the field after last harvesting				
Entry into the plant	Dip rhizomes in bactericide to reduce infection levels, however systemic disease so only likely to be partially effective				Х							
Development in the plant	No effective control measure once infected crop in field											
	Only take planting material from areas known to be free of this disease				Х							
Conservation in the soil	All crop residues where the disease is known to occur should be destroyed, by burning if possible			Х				Х				
	Soil sterilization by solar, biofumigation			Х								
	Soil sterilization by bactericides			Х								
Spreading	Infested areas should not be replanted with ginger, but planted with a perennial grass and fenced off to stop animals and people walking through and spreading the disease		Х					Х				
	Avoid vicinity of host plants		Х	Х	Х	Х						
	Implements and boots should be washed down with a commercial agricultural disinfectant			Х	Х	Х						
	Avoid using infected material to plant next to clean material or in clean land				Х							

 \boldsymbol{X} = action to be taken at the cultivation stage shown in the corresponding column

Viral diseases of ginger

Main control methods

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- Avoid vicinity of host plants.
- Avoid using infected material to plant next to clean material or in clean land.
- Identify clean rhizome material that might require certified or material from tissue culture origin.

2.3. Resistant or tolerant varieties

There are no resistant reports of ginger varieties currently commercially available.

2.4. Importance and use of auxiliaries

There are no auxiliaries currently reported to be commercially available the pests of ginger, however this does not exclude naturally occurring predators and parasites of the various pests as these are widely report for caterpillar pests, and scale insects.

There are numerous registered products that contain Trichoderma spp that are used against root based diseases including *Pythium* and *Fusarium*. These should be used by dipping the rhizomes prior to planting and drenching young plants in the early stages of growth to build up the levels of Trichoderma in the rhizosphere.

Pochonia chlamydosporia, a nematode biocontrol agent can be incorporated in ginger beds at the time of sowing.

3. Monitoring the phytosanitary state of the crop and intervention thresholds

Guidelines on completion of the weekly summary sheets

On a weekly basis, transfer the average figures per STATION from the scouting forms to this weekly summary. Check that the TIME OF DAY the scouting took place each week was the SAME (within half an hour) for all previous scout reports. Indicate time of day scouted in the column provided (a block should always be scouted at the same time of day). It is important to remember that these are figures per station i.e. from two whole plants (one on either side of the path). A build up of pest levels is expected and is only a risk if the ratio of beneficial to pest is not increasing, or the % parasitism is not increasing. Graphs of weekly changes in ratios and average number of pest per station can be made manually to plot progress. Enter all sprays and beneficials applied to the crop on a weekly basis (so that up to date information is available on the weekly crop walk).

The weekly summary sheet should be used DURING THE WEEKLY CROP WALK to make decisions about risk and progress of IPM. The effect of sprays on beneficials as well as pest will be clear from changes in ratios or average per leaf. Keep records of observations of pesticide sensitivities observed and share this information with other managers.

The block should be scouted once per week, at the same time of day throughout its life - for accurate comparison of pest levels. If more than one spray is considered necessary per week - a second scout record should be produced to justify the second spray.

Stop at ten stations and examine a plant on either side of the bed (pests numbers can be higher on sunny side of rows) = 2 plants per station. Always scout in the stations in the same order so that comparisons can be made each week if hot spots are identified (eg the number recorded at station 1 each week can be compared to the number recorded at station 1 the next week.

Indicative thresholds proposed :

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Shoot borer	Calculate percentage plants present and treat when above 1 $\%$
Rhizome scale in field,	Calculate percentage plants present and treat when above 1 $\%$
Rhizome scale in storage	Remove any seen.
Root Knot nematode	Lift plants when suspected and record for action after harvest
<i>Pythium</i> spp.	Lift plants, inspect for infection, remove infected plants and drench area when two or more plants infected.
Yellows	Lift plants, inspect for stem discolouration, remove infected plants and drench area when two or more plants infected.
Leaf spot (<i>Phyllosticta</i> spp.)	Protectant/Erradicant spray when first seen
Leaf Spot (<i>Colletotrichum</i> spp.)	Protectant/Erradicant spray when first seen
Bacterial wilt	Remove infected plants when first seen.
Mosaic virus	Remove infected plants when first seen

Any hotspots of pests or disease should be identified.

THEN, bring this to the attention of the Farm Manager for possible spot treatment.

Always scout the numbered stations in the same order - so they can be compared each week.

Farm :

Crop age (wks) :

Scout name (PRINT) :

Block :

 ${\small Date \ scouted}:$

TIME of DAY Scouted :

	Pests												Dise	ases					
Station	Shoot borer	Rhizome scale	RKN						Station	Pythium	Yellows	Leaf spot (<i>Phyllosticla</i> spp)	Leaf spot (<i>Colletotrichum</i> spp)	Bacterial wilt	Mosaic virus				
1									1										
2									2										
3									3										
4									4										
5									5										
6									6										
7									7										
8									8										
9									9										
10									10										
total									total										
av.per station									av.no. diseased										
Percent									leaves /										
									plant										

Other observations: (distribution of problem, other symptoms or problems, waterlogging, drip lines blocked, etc)

4. Active substances and treatment recommendations

Introduction

For each pest or disease, proposals of the strategy for the use of Plant Protection Products (PPP) are indicated below.

A list of active substances is suggested for each pest or disease. When available, the critical GAP which allows compliance with European MRLs currently in force on rhizome of ginger, or others stem vegetables for shoots of ginger, is also shown. Any change in one or more elements of these GAPs (increase in the doses, frequency of application and number of applications, last application before harvest not respecting the recommended pre-harvest interval) can result in residues in excess of the MRL in force. At this stage, however, it is worth noting that no tests have been carried out in ACP production environments to check compliance of MRLs with the GAPs indicated. These GAPs does not represent a treatment calendar to be applied as such. In practice, the frequency of treatments must take account locally of the severity of attacks and the real risks of damage

The list of active substances proposed has been drawn up taking into account the products used worldwide. The active substances are classified by resistance risk group (classification and codes of FRAC - Fungicide Resistance Action Committee - http://www.frac.info/frac/index.htm and IRAC - Insecticide Resistance Action Committee - http://www.irac-online.org/). In practice, it is important to alternate active substances belonging to different groups.

The most appropriate development stages of the crop (green boxes) for the application of each active substance are also suggested, taking into account the pre-harvest interval to be respected so as to comply with MRLs, the modes of action of the active substances and the effects on natural enemies.

Regarding plant protection products allowed for usage by the EU regulation 2092/91 on organic agriculture, prior to any usage the producer should check with his/her certification body that such usage is allowed.

There are no fixed MRL for ginger so we cannot give information on GAPs and we have no data on residues decline in order to define PHI for residues below the LOQ.

			Sh	oot borer (a	ll caterpillar	species)					
Strategy: Apply i stage of the life cy		-				. Control is e	ntirely conce	ntrated on co	ntrolling the	larvae	
		Reco	ommended (GAP*			Propose	d applicatio	n period		
Active substance	Dose g/ha	Maximum number applications	Minimum interval between applications (days)	Pre-harvest interval (days) for shoots production	Pre-harvest interval (days) for rhizome production	Before planting	At planting	From emergence to 6 weeks after emergence	From 6 weeks after emergence to harvest of shoots	From emergence to harvest of rhizome	
Group 18 – Ecdysone aganists/moulting disruptors											
azadirachtin	15 - 60**	Repeat as required	Repeat as required	2	2						
indoxacarbe	250	3	10	/	3						
			Group 3 – P	yrethroids	(sodium cha	annel modul	ators)				
beta-cyfluthrin	25	/	/	/	7						
cypermethrin	50	/	/	/	7						
deltamethrin	12,5	3	7	/	2						
lambda- cyhalothrin	25	2	7	/	7						
				Group 5	– Spynosin	es					
spinosad	96	4	10	/	3						
		Grou	p 11 - Micr	obial disrup	tors of inse	ct midgut n	nembranes	1			
Bacillus thuringiensis var kurstaki	/	Repeat as required	7	2	2						
	Group 1 – Organohosphates and carbamates										
malathion	/	/	14	/	/						
mehomyl	450	/	7	/	/						

* The elements of the recommended GAP shown here allow to comply with the harmonised European MRL (see part 6 of this guide).

/ elements of the recommended GAP not available

** or neem oil at 0.5%

Rhizome scale - Aspidiella hartii

Strategy: Scale concentrated on rhizome and lower stems. Drench rhizomes where scale seen prior to planting and in store. Do not drench rhizomes that will be sold as fresh ginger. Apply to stems as foliar application as either contact for control of crawlers or as systemic control of scales feeding on the sap of the plant.

We have no data available on the GAP for active substances that could be used to control this pest

It is reported that storage in saw dust + dried leaves of Strychnos nux-vomica (Poison Nut) prevents infestation of rhizome scale. This plant is highly toxic for human and should be used only on rhizome for seeds.

		Reco	mmended (GAP*			Proposed app	lication period	
Active substance	Dose g/ha	Maximum number applications	Minimum interval between applications (days)	Pre-harvest interval (days) for shoots production	Pre-harvest interval (days) for rhizome production	Before planting	At planting	From emergence to harvest of rhizome	Post harvest for seeds
			Group 1	– Organoho	osphates an	d carbamates			
dimethoate	/	/	/	/	/				
		Group	4 – Nicotini	c Acethylch	oline recept	tor agonists/aı	ntagonists		
acetamiprid	/	/	/	/	/				
imidacloprid	/	/	/	/	/				
thiametoxam	1	/	/	/	/				

* The elements of the recommended GAP shown here allow to comply with the harmonised European MRL (see part 6 of this guide).

/ elements of the recommended GAP not available

	Root Knot Nematode – <i>Meloidogyne</i> spp.										
Strategy: Treat with nematicides where permitted by local regulations. Application is done at planting.											
		Prop	osed application p	eriod							
Active substance	Dose g/ha	Maximum number applications	Minimum interval between applications (days)	Pre-harvest interval (days) for shoots production	Pre-harvest interval (days) for rhizome production	Before planting	At planting	From emergence to harvest of rhizome			
			Group 18 -	Ecdysone a	ganists / m	oulting disruptors					
azadirachtin	150	/	/	/	/						
	Group 1 – Organophosphates and carbamates										
fenamiphos	720	1	/	/	/						
oxamyl	500	1	/	/	/						

* The elements of the recommended GAP shown here allow to comply with the harmonised European MRL (see part 6 of this guide).

/ elements of the recommended GAP not available

Damping off - *Pythium* spp.

Strategy: Rhizome treatment may help combat these diseases. Once the disease is located in the field, removal of affected clumps and drenching the affected and surrounding beds. Application of Trichoderma harzianum along with neem cake helps in preventing the disease.

		Reco	ommended (GAP*	Proposed application period				
Active substance	Dose g/ha	Maximum number applications	Minimum interval between applications (days)	Pre-harvest interval (days) for shoots production	Pre-harvest interval (days) for rhizome production	Before planting	At planting	From emergence to harvest of rhizome	Post harvest for seeds
				Group M -	Multisite ac	tivity			
	mixture at 0.3 %	N.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Dip rhizome for 30 minutes			Dip rhizome for 30 minutes
mancozeb	mixture at 0.3 %	1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.			Drenching of beds	
	1.36 g/ litre of water**	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Dip rhizome for 15 to 20 minutes			Dip rhizome for 15 to 20 minutes
				Group 1 -	MBC fungio	ides			
thiophanate- methyl	0.5 g/litre of water**	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Dip rhizome for 15 to 20 minutes			Dip rhizome for 15 to 20 minutes
			Gro	oup 4 - Phe	nylAmide fu	ingicides			
metalaxyl-M	0.08 g/ litre of water**	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Dip rhizome for 15 to 20 minutes			Immersion des rhizomes pendant 15 à 20 minutes

* The elements of the recommended GAP shown here allow to comply with the harmonised European MRL (see part 6 of this guide).

** as a mixture of 3 different active substances

/ : elements of the recommended GAP not available

n.a. : not applicable

Anthracnose and leaf spot - Collectotrichum zingiberis and Phylllosticta zingiberi											
Strategy: In the field apply fungicides at the first sign of infection. Repeat as necessary by rotating fungicide groups.											
		BI	PA conseillé	e*		Proposed application period					
Active substance	Dose g/ha	Maximum number applications	Minimum interval between applications (days)	Pre-harvest interval (days) for shoots production	Pre-harvest interval (days) for rhizome production	Before planting	At planting	From emergence to 6 weeks after emergence	From 6 weeks after emergence to harvest of shoots	From emergence to harvest of rhizome	
				Group 11	- Qol fungio	ides					
azoxystrobin	250	/	/	/	/						
				Group M -	Multisite ac	tivity					
mancozeb	1600	/	7	/	30						
copper	2000	/	7	/	/						
	Group 2 - Dicarboximides										
iprodione	1000	/	7	/	21						

* The elements of the recommended GAP shown here allow to comply with the harmonised European MRL (see part 6 of this guide).

/ elements of the recommended GAP not available

			Fusarios	is – <i>Fusariun</i>	n oxysporiun	ı f.sp. <i>zingiberi</i>			
Strategy: Rhizor	ne treatment m	nay help con	nbat this dise	ease.					
		Reco	ommended	GAP*			Proposed app	lication period	
Active substance	Dose g/ha	Maximum number applications	Minimum interval between applications (days)	Pre-harvest interval (days) for shoots production	Pre-harvest interval (days) for rhizome production	Before planting	At planting	From emergence to harvest of rhizome	Post harvest for seeds
Group M - Multisite activity									
	mixture at 0.3 %	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Dip rhizome for 30 minutes			Group M: Multisite activity
mancozeb	1.36 g/ litre of water**	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Dip rhizome for 15 to 20 minutes			Dip rhizome for 30 minutes
				Group 1 -	MBC fungio	ides			
thiophanate- methyl	0.5 g/litre of water**	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Dip rhizome for 15 to 20 minutes			Dip rhizome for 15 to 20 minutes
	I		Gro	oup 4 - Phe	nylAmide fu	ingicides			
metalaxyl-M	0.08 g/ litre of water**	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Dip rhizome for 15 to 20 minutes			Dip rhizome for 15 to 20 minutes

* The elements of the recommended GAP shown here allow to comply with the harmonised European MRL (see part 6 of this guide).

/ : elements of the recommended GAP not available

n.a. : not applicable

Bacterial wilt - Ralstonia solanacearum; synonym: Pseudomonas solanacearum

Strategy: The seed rhizomes may be treated with Streptocycline 200 ppm for 30 minutes and shade dried before planting. Once the disease is noticed in the field all beds should be drenched with Bordeaux mixture 1% or copper oxychloride 0.2%.

5. Existing registrations

There are no registration on ginger in ACP countries.

6. European regulations and pesticide residues

Status of the active substances in Regulation 1107/2009 and European MRLs in February 2012.

Caution: The information contained in this table is subject to change by future directives of the Commission of the European Communities.

	MRLs for ginger rhizome and shoots of ginger											
	Status in	Euro	pean MRL									
Active substance	Reg. 1107/2009	Reg. 1107/2009 Ginger rhizome										
Acetamiprid	Approved *	0,1	0,01									
Azadiractin	Approved	0,01	1									
Azoxystrobine	Approved	0,1	0,05									
Bacillus thuringiensis	Approved	n.a.	n.a.									
Beta-cyfluthrin	Approved	0,1	0,02									
Copper	Approved	40	20									
Cypermethrin	Approved	0,2	0,05									
Deltamethrin	Approved	0,05	0,05									
Dimethoate	Approved	0,1	0,02									
Fenamiphos	Approved	0,05	0,02									
Imidacloprid	Approved	0,05	0,05									
Indoxacarbe	Approved	0,05	0,02									
lprodione	Approved	0,1	0,02									
Lambda - cyhalothrin	Approved	0,05	0,02									
Malathion	Approved	0,02	0,02									
Mancozeb	Approved	0,1	0,05									
Metalaxyl - M	Approved	0,1	0,05									
Methomyl	Approved	0,1	0.02									
Oxamyl	Approved	0,02	0,01									
Spinosad	Approved	0.02	0,2									

MRLs for ginger rhizome and shoots of ginger								
	Status in	European MRL						
Active substance	Reg. 1107/2009	Ginger rhizome	Others stem vegetables (for shoots of ginger)					
Thiametoxam	Approved	0.05	0.05					
Thiophanate-methyl	Approved	0.1	0.1					

* Approved means that the active substance is listed in the positive list of the Regulation for inclusion.

** Withdrawn means not listed in the positive list of active substances in the Regulation.

n.a. non applicable

Note on the status of active substances in EU

Before a Plant Protection Product can be marketed in EU, its active substance must be approved by the European Commission. Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 (replacing former "Directive 91/414/EEC") came into force on 14^{th} June 2011. By 25^{th} May 2011 the Commission adopted the Implementing Regulation (EU) N° 540/2011 as regards the list of approved active substances. These Regulations and all other related Regulations can be accessed using the search facility on the following: http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/protection/evaluation/index_en.htm

It should be noted that if an active substance is not registered in the EU it can still be used in the ACP countries in food items exported to Europe, provided the residue complies with the EU MRL.

Note on MRLs:

The quantities of pesticide residues found in food must be safe for consumers and remain as low as possible. The maximum residue limit (MRL) is the maximum concentration of pesticide residue legally permitted in or on food or feed.

MRLs in the EU

Pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 harmonized Community MRLs have been established.

The European Commission (EC) sets MRLs applying to foodstuffs marketed in the territories of the EU countries, either produced in the EU or in third countries.

Annex I to the Regulation contains the list of crops (Regulation (EC) 178/2006) on which MRLs are assigned, Annexes II and III contain the MRLs: temporary MRLs can be found in Annex III, final MRLs in Annex II. Substances for which an MRL is not required are listed in Annex IV (Regulation (EC) 149/2008). When there is no specific MRL for a substance / crop a default MRL, usually set at 0.01 mg/kg, is applied.

When establishing an MRL, the EU takes into account the Codex MRL if it is set for the same agricultural practices and it passes the dietary risk assessment. Where appropriate Codex MRLs exist, the import tolerance will be set at this level.

EU harmonized MRLs came into force on 1 September 2008 and are published in the MRL database on the website of the Commission http://ec.europa.eu/sanco_pesticides/public/index.cfm

See also the leaflet "New rules on pesticide residues in food" http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/protection/pesticides/explanation_pesticide_residues.pdf

How are MRLs applied and monitored in EU?

- Operators, traders and importers are responsible for food safety, and therefore for compliance with MRLs.
- The Member State authorities are responsible for monitoring and enforcement of MRLs.
- To ensure the effective and uniform application of these limits, the Commission has established a multiannual Community monitoring program, defining for each Member State the main combinations of crops and pesticides to be monitored and the minimum number of samples to be taken. Member States must report results to the Commission, which published an annual report. At present the reports are published by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/scdocs.htm
- In case of detection of pesticide residue levels posing a risk to consumers, information is transmitted through the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) and appropriate measures are taken to protect the consumer. The database is accessible on http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/ rapidalert/rasff_portal_database_en.htm and RASFF publishes an annual report http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/rapidalert/index_en.htm.
- PIP monthly updates on its website a summary of RASFF notification for fruit and vegetable imports from ACP countries.

MRLs in ACP countries

ACP countries don't have set their own MRLs therefore they usually admit Codex LMRs for foodstuffs marketed in their country.

The Codex Alimentarius Commission was established in 1961 by the Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) with the objective to develop an international food code and food standards. Membership of the Codex Alimentarius Commission is open to all Member Nations and Associate Members of FAO and WHO. More than 180 countries and the European Community are members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

The Joint FAO/WHO Meetings on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) is not officially part of the Codex Alimentarius Commission structure, but provide independent scientific expert advice to the Commission and its specialist Committee on Pesticide Residues for the establishment of Codex Maximum Residue Limits, Codex MRLs for pesticides which are recognized by most of the member countries and widely used, especially by countries that have no own system for evaluating and setting MRLs.

The Codex MRL database can be found on the web site: http://www.codexalimentarius.net/pestres/data/index.html?lang=en.

Annexes

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Useful websites

<u>Shoot borer</u>

http://thailand.ipm-info.org/pests/Durian_fruit_borer.htm

Soil borne pathogens

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/course/pp728/Pythium/Pythium_aphanidermatum.html http://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/science/hot_science_topics/Soilborne_plant_diseases/Vietnam_template3/Pythium

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http://www.extento.hawaii.edu/Kbase/Crop/crops/gin_root.htm http://www.intercooperation.org.in/images/icindia/Ginger%20pests%20&%20diseases%20(ISPS).pdf http://www.uom.ac.mu/Faculties/foa/AIS/SIROI/SIROIWEBUK/Maurice/Areu/vegguide/ginge.htm http://portal.areu.mu/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=191

Bacterial wilt

http://www.cipotato.org/potato/pests_diseases/bacterial_wilt/bw_research.asp

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Avocado (*Persea americana*) French bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris*) Okra (*Abelmoschus esculentus*) Passion fruit (*Passiflora edulis*) Pineapple Cayenne (*Ananas comosus*) Pineapple MD2 (*Ananas comosus*) Mango (*Mangifera indica*) Papaya (*Carica papaya*) Pea (*Pisum sativum*) Cherry tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum*)

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Amaranth (*Amaranthus* spp.) Baby carrot (*Daucus carota*) Baby and sweet corn (Zea mayis) Baby Leek (*Allium porrum*) Baby pak choy (Brassica campestris var. chinensis), baby cauliflower (Brassica oleracea var. botrytis), baby broccoli and sprouting broccoli (Brassica oleracea var. italica) and head cabbages (Brassica oleracea var. capitata and var. sabauda) Banana (*Musa* spp. – plantain (*matoke*), apple banana, red banana, baby banana and other ethnics bananas) Cassava (Manihot esculenta) Chillies (Capsicum frutescens, Capsicum annuum, Capsicum chinense) and sweet peppers (Capsicum annuum) Citrus (*Citrus* sp.) Coconut (*Cocus nucifera*) Cucumber (Cucumis sativus), zucchini and pattypan (Cucurbita pepo) and other cucurbitaceae with edible peel of the genus Momordica, Benincasa, Luffa, Lagenaria, Trichosanthes, Sechium and Coccinia Dasheen (*Colocasia esculenta*) and macabo (*Xanthosoma sagittifolium*) Eggplants (Solanum melongena, Solanum aethiopicum, Solanum macrocarpon) Garlic, onions, shallots (Allium sativum, Allium cepa, Allium ascalonicum) Ginger (*Zingiber officinale*) Guava (*Psidium catteyanum*) Lettuce (Lactuca sativa), spinach (Spinacia oleracea and Basella alba), leafy brassica (Brassica spp.) Lychee (*Litchi chinensis*) Melon (*Cucumis melo*) Organic Avocado (Persea americana) Organic Mango (Mangifera indica) Organic Papaya (*Carica papaya*) Organic Pineapple (*Ananas comosus*) Potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) Sweet potato (*Ipomea batatas*) Tamarillo (*Solanum betaceum*) Water melon (Citrullus lanatus) and butternut (Cucurbita moschata) Yam (*Dioscorea* spp.)



