

# Complete Produce Inspection Reference Guide

*KVH Kosher Certification | For Mashgichim & Kosher Inspectors*

Sorted Alphabetically • 150 Items

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## Inspection Level Key

| Level          | Meaning                          | What It Means for You                                                                |
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| Level 0        | No Processing Required           | No inspection/checking required when used under the conditions listed for this item. |
| <b>Level 1</b> | <b>Surface, Drop &amp; Check</b> | Inspect on a white surface; drop and check for movement.                             |
| <b>Level 2</b> | <b>Washing Only</b>              | Peel (if applicable) and wash well; no further inspection needed.                    |
| <b>Level 3</b> | <b>Specific Instructions</b>     | Follow the exact steps in the Handling Instructions column.                          |
| <b>Level 4</b> | <b>Check for Infestation</b>     | Inspect using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                 |
| <b>Level 5</b> | <b>Additional Steps Required</b> | Follow the extra steps listed in Handling Instructions.                              |
| <b>Level 6</b> | <b>Do Not Use</b>                | Prohibited — never use, even pureed, ground, or processed.                           |

## How To Use This Guide

- Find the produce item alphabetically in the table below.
- Check the Level column to see which inspection method applies.
- Check the Common Pests column for what to look for.
- Follow the Handling Instructions column for the exact steps.
- For full step-by-step methodology on each Level, see the Appendix at the end of this guide.

## Produce Inspection Table

150 items, sorted alphabetically

| Photo                                                                               | Produce Item                  | Level                                              | Common Pests                                                                                                                                                              | Handling Instructions                                                                           |
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|    | <b>Alfalfa Sprouts</b>        | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing<br>Only                  | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|    | <b>Amaranth Leaves</b>        | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pigweed flea beetles</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Caterpillar</li> </ul>                                                         | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|    | <b>Anise Hyssop – Flowers</b> | <b>Level 1</b><br><i>Surface, Drop &amp; Check</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Whiteflies</li> </ul>                                                | Follow standard Level 1 procedures — Surface, Drop & Check method (see appendix).               |
|   | <b>Anise Hyssop – Leaves</b>  | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Scale insects</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> </ul>                        | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|  | <b>Any Leafy Lettuce Mix</b>  | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Mites</li> <li>• Leafhopper</li> <li>• Spider</li> <li>• Slug</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|  | <b>Apples</b>                 | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing<br>Only                  | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|  | <b>Artichoke</b>              | <b>Level 6</b><br><i>Do Not Use</i>                | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Do not use this item.                                                                           |
|  | <b>Artichoke Bottoms</b>      | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing<br>Only                  | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |

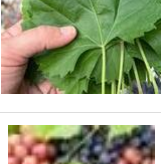
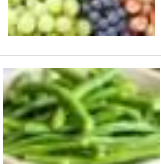
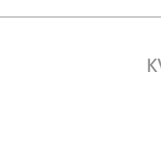
| Photo                                                                               | Produce Item                                     | Level                                          | Common Pests                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Handling Instructions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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|    | <b>Arugula / Baby Arugula</b>                    | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Leaf miners</li> <li>• Flea beetles</li> </ul>                                                                                                         | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|    | <b>Asparagus, Green</b>                          | <b>Level 3</b><br><i>Specific Instructions</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asparagus beetle</li> <li>• Spotted asparagus beetle</li> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> </ul>                                                                      | Cut off and discard tips. Peel entire sides or remove all triangular side leaves and wash well. Canned/frozen only with reliable kosher certification, or following these steps.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|    | <b>Avocado</b>                                   | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|   | <b>Barley / White Rice / Brown Rice / Quinoa</b> | <b>Level 3</b><br><i>Specific Instructions</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian meal moth</li> <li>• Grain weevils</li> <li>• Grain mites</li> <li>• Flour beetles</li> <li>• Saw-toothed grain beetles</li> <li>• Lesser grain borers</li> </ul> | <p>First do a cursory inspection of the grain, then complete one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Spread a handful of grain on white paper and look for insects.</li> <li>2. Place up to 16oz in a #12 mesh strainer and shake over a lightbox or white paper for 25–30 seconds.</li> </ol> <p>If no insects are found, the grain may be used. If insects are found, do not use.</p> |
|  | <b>Basil</b>                                     | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> <li>• Fungus Gnats</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul>                                             | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|  | <b>Bay Leaf – Fresh</b>                          | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tiny scale insects</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> </ul>                                                                                                  | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|  | <b>Belgian Endive</b>                            | <b>Level 3</b><br><i>Specific Instructions</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Leaf miners</li> <li>• Thrips</li> </ul>                                                                                                               | Cut end, separate leaves, wash well.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|  | <b>Blackberries</b>                              | <b>Level 6</b><br><i>Do Not Use</i>            | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Not to be used, even pureed or ground.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|    | Blueberries                 | <b>Level 3</b><br><i>Specific Instructions</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worms</li> <li>• Maggots</li> </ul>                                                                                                              | Wash well with soap and water. No further checking needed. Organic and U-Pick varieties NOT approved.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|    | Bok Choy                    | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Flea beetle</li> <li>• Cabbage worms</li> <li>• Cut worms</li> <li>• Diamondback moth larvae</li> </ul>                        | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|    | Boston Lettuce              | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Leaf miners</li> </ul>                                                                                                         | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|    | Broccoli                    | <b>Level 6</b><br><i>Do Not Use</i>                | —                                                                                                                                                                                         | Do not use this item.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|  | Broccolini                  | <b>Level 5</b><br><i>Additional Steps Required</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Cabbage worms</li> <li>• Diamondback moth larva</li> <li>• Flea beetles</li> <li>• Cabbage loopers</li> </ul>                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Run each stalk with floret under strong stream of water.</li> <li>2. Agitate in warm soapy water 2 min; rinse off all soap.</li> <li>3. Agitate piece by piece in fresh water; check rinse with thrip cloth &amp; lightbox. If bug-free, use those pieces.</li> </ol> <p>If infestation persists after 3 cycles, discard batch.</p> |
|  | Broccolini Rabe             | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Cabbage worms</li> <li>• Flea beetles</li> <li>• Leaf miners</li> <li>• Diamondback moth larva</li> <li>• Cut worms</li> </ul> | Use the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).<br>NOTE: Only leaves may be used, not the stem.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|  | Brussels Sprouts (Shredded) | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Cabbage worms / loopers</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> </ul>                                                   | Use the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).<br>This method also applies when all leaves individually detached.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|  | Brussels Sprouts (Whole)    | <b>Level 6</b><br><i>Do Not Use</i>                | —                                                                                                                                                                                         | Do not use this item.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|    | <b>Butter Lettuce (incl. Baby &amp; Burger)</b>                                | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Mites</li> <li>• Leaf hopper</li> <li>• Spider</li> <li>• Slug</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> <li>• Leaf miners</li> <li>• Cabbage loopers</li> </ul>  | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|    | <b>Cabbage – Bagged, Red and/or White, Prewashed (With or Without Carrots)</b> | <b>Level 2</b><br><i>Washing Only</i>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabbage worm</li> <li>• Inch worm</li> <li>• Cabbage looper</li> <li>• Cabbage aphids</li> <li>• Diamondback moth larva</li> </ul>                                                   | No need to wash, but washing is always a good idea for any produce                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|    | <b>Cabbage – Whole Head, Red or White</b>                                      | <b>Level 3</b><br><i>Specific Instructions</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabbage worm</li> <li>• Inch worm</li> <li>• Cabbage looper</li> <li>• Cabbage aphids</li> <li>• Diamondback moth larva</li> </ul>                                                   | Remove outer layer. Separate all leaves. Wash once with soap and water, then again with clean water. Chop before or after washing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|   | <b>Cantaloupe / Honeydew – Fresh / Frozen</b>                                  | <b>Level 2</b><br><i>Washing Only</i>              | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.<br>(if Frozen level 0)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|  | <b>Carrot Tops</b>                                                             | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Leaf miners</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                             | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|  | <b>Carrots</b>                                                                 | <b>Level 2</b><br><i>Washing Only</i>              | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|  | <b>Cauliflower</b>                                                             | <b>Level 5</b><br><i>Additional Steps Required</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabbage worms</li> <li>• Cabbage</li> <li>• Loopers</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Flea beetles</li> <li>• Dimond back moth larva</li> <li>• Root maggots</li> </ul> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Break large floret clusters into smaller pieces.</li> <li>2. Agitate in warm soapy water 2 min; rinse off all soap.</li> <li>3. Agitate piece by piece in fresh water; check rinse with thrip cloth &amp; lightbox. If bug-free, use those pieces.</li> </ol> <p>If infestation persists after 3 cycles, do not use batch.</p> |
|  | <b>Celery Root</b>                                                             | <b>Level 2</b><br><i>Washing Only</i>              | —                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|    | <b>Celery Stalks (No Leaves)</b> | <b>Level 3</b><br><i>Specific Instructions</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaf miners</li> <li>• Aphids</li> </ul>                                                                                         | Cut both ends; discard/separate leaves. Rub thumb down center of each stalk under running water. |
|    | <b>Chard</b>                     | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaf miners</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Cabbage</li> <li>• Loopers</li> <li>• Flea beetles</li> </ul>                           | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                  |
|    | <b>Cherries</b>                  | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.  |
|    | <b>Chicory Leaves</b>            | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Leaf miners</li> <li>• Flea beetles</li> </ul>                                               | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                  |
|   | <b>Chives</b>                    | <b>Level 3</b><br><i>Specific Instructions</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Onion thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Onion maggots</li> </ul>                                                               | Cut tips, separate bunch, wash well.                                                             |
|  | <b>Cilantro / Culantro</b>       | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> <li>• Fungus Gnats</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul>     | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                  |
|  | <b>Coconut</b>                   | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.  |
|  | <b>Collard Greens</b>            | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Mites</li> <li>• Leafhopper</li> <li>• Spider</li> <li>• Slug</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                  |
|  | <b>Corn (Fresh)</b>              | <b>Level 3</b><br><i>Specific Instructions</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corn earworm</li> <li>• Sap beetles</li> <li>• Corn borer</li> </ul>                                                             | Remove husks before washing.                                                                     |

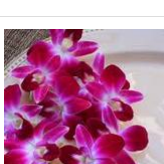
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|    | Corn Husk Triangle           | <b>Level 6</b><br>Do Not Use                   | —                                                                                                                                                                             | Do not use this item.                                                                           |
|    | Cranberries – Fresh / Frozen | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                             | wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.<br>(If frozen level 0)   |
|    | Cucumber                     | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                             | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|    | Curry Leaf                   | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Scale insects</li> <li>• Leaf miners</li> <li>• Whiteflies</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|   | Dill Weed                    | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> <li>• Fungus Gnats</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul>         | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|  | Edamame                      | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                             | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|  | Edible Flowers               | <b>Level 6</b><br>Do Not Use                   | —                                                                                                                                                                             | Do not use this item.                                                                           |
|  | Eggplant                     | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                             | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|  | Epazote                      | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> <li>• Fungus Gnats</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul>         | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|  | Escarole Leaves              | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> </ul>                                                                                                                    | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |

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|    | <b>Fennel Bulb</b>          | <b>Level 3</b><br><i>Specific Instructions</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click beetle larvae</li> <li>• Aphids</li> </ul>                                                                  | Cut off top (tops = Level 4). Open and separate pieces; inspect for infestation. If none, wash well. |
|    | <b>Fennel Tops</b>          | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Whiteflies</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> </ul>                                                   | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                      |
|    | <b>Fig Leaf</b>             | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fig whitefly</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Scale insects</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Fig beetles</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                      |
|    | <b>Frieze Greens</b>        | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Leaf miners</li> <li>• Thrips</li> </ul>                                                        | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                      |
|   | <b>Frozen Vegetables</b>    | <b>Level 3</b><br><i>Specific Instructions</i> | —                                                                                                                                                          | Must have an acceptable kosher symbol or be specifically approved.                                   |
|  | <b>Garlic (Fresh)</b>       | <b>Level 3</b><br><i>Specific Instructions</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Onion maggot</li> <li>• Bulb mites</li> <li>• Wire worms</li> <li>• Microscopic worms</li> </ul>                  | Remove peel first, then wash well.                                                                   |
|  | <b>Garlic Scapes</b>        | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 |                                                                                                                                                            | wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.                               |
|  | <b>Grape Leaves (Fresh)</b> | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spider mite</li> <li>• Scale insects</li> </ul>                                                                   | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                      |
|  | <b>Grapes</b>               | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                          | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.      |
|  | <b>Green Beans</b>          | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                          | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.      |

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|    | <b>Greenleaf Lettuce</b>                              | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Mites</li> <li>• Leafhopper</li> <li>• Spider</li> <li>• Slug</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|    | <b>Guava</b>                                          | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|    | <b>Honeydew</b>                                       | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|    | <b>Iceberg Lettuce – Bagged, Shredded, or Chopped</b> | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Cabbage loopers/worms</li> <li>• Leaf miners</li> <li>• Flea beetle</li> </ul>               | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|   | <b>Iceberg Lettuce – Whole Heads</b>                  | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Cabbage loopers/worms</li> <li>• Leaf miners</li> <li>• Flea beetle</li> </ul>               | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|  | <b>Jicama</b>                                         | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|  | <b>Kale / Baby Kale / Chopped Kale</b>                | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Mites</li> <li>• Leafhopper</li> <li>• Spider</li> <li>• Slug</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|  | <b>Kiwi</b>                                           | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|  | <b>Kohlrabi and/or Mustard Leaves</b>                 | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Cabbage worms</li> <li>• Cabbage loopers</li> <li>• Flea beetles</li> </ul>                  | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|  | <b>Kohlrabi Bulb</b>                                  | <b>Level 2</b><br><i>Washing Only</i>          | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel & Wash                                                                                     |

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|    | Leek                             | <b>Level 3</b><br><i>Specific Instructions</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Onion maggots</li> <li>• Leaf miner</li> </ul>                                                             | <p>Cut off both ends.</p> <p>Slice down the stalk horizontally 'separate layers then</p> <p>'Wash well. Inspect for infestation.</p>      |
|    | Lemon Balm (Fresh)               | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Whiteflies</li> <li>• Scale insects</li> </ul>                   | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                           |
|    | Lemon Verbena                    | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Whiteflies</li> <li>• Scale insects</li> </ul>                   | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                           |
|    | Lemongrass                       | <b>Level 3</b><br><i>Specific Instructions</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Scale insects</li> </ul>                                                           | Cut stalk open vertically. Slice off and discard root. Loosen outer layers; rinse inner leaves under heavy stream of water.               |
|   | Little Gem Lettuce               | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Cabbage loopers</li> <li>• Flea beetles</li> </ul>                                       | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                           |
|  | Little Leaf Lettuce (brand name) | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flies</li> </ul>                                                                                                             | <p>Use the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).</p> <p>Contact your RC for special instructions on verified-clean lots (see note below)</p> |
|  | Mache                            | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> </ul>                                                                                                            | <p>Use the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).</p> <p>Contact your RC for special instructions on verified-clean lots (see note below)</p> |
|  | Mango – Fresh / Frozen           | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.</p> <p>(if frozen level 0)</p>         |
|  | Marjoram                         | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> <li>• Fungus Gnats</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                           |

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|    | Mesclun Mix                                  | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Mites</li> <li>• Leafhopper</li> <li>• Spider</li> <li>• Slug</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|    | Micro Greens                                 | <b>Level 1</b><br><i>Surface, Drop &amp; Check</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Fungus gnats</li> <li>• Springtails</li> </ul>                                                                 | Follow standard Level 1 procedures — Surface, Drop & Check method (see appendix).                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|    | Mint Leaves                                  | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• — Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> <li>• Fungus Gnats</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul>   | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|    | Mushrooms                                    | <b>Level 2</b><br><i>Washing Only</i>              | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.                                                                                                                                                                              |
|  | Mushrooms, Morel                             | <b>Level 6</b><br><i>Do Not Use</i>                | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Do not use this item.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|  | Mushrooms, Oyster (Regular, Not King Oyster) | <b>Level 5</b><br><i>Additional Steps Required</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fungus gnats Sciarid flies –Fungal mites</li> </ul>                                                                              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visually inspect each mushroom between layers. If any infestation found, reject entire lot.</li> <li>2. If no obvious infestation, remove samples from base and middle layers; wash and check using thrip cloth method.</li> </ol> |
|  | Mushrooms, Portabella                        | <b>Level 2</b><br><i>Washing Only</i>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fungus gnats</li> <li>• Mushroom flies</li> </ul>                                                                                | <p>Visually inspect then wash well, especially under fins</p> <p>Fins not need to be removed</p>                                                                                                                                                                             |
|  | Mustard Greens                               | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Mites</li> <li>• Leafhopper</li> <li>• Spider</li> <li>• Slug</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|    | Napa Cabbage                   | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabbage looper</li> <li>• Aphid</li> <li>• Diamondback moth</li> </ul>                                                         | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|    | Nasturtium Leaves              | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Flea beetles</li> <li>• Leaf miners</li> </ul>                                                               | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|    | Nectarines                     | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                     | —                                                                                                                                                                       | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|    | Oakleaf Lettuce                | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | —                                                                                                                                                                       | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|    | Onions                         | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                     | —                                                                                                                                                                       | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|  | Orchid Flowers                 | <b>Level 1</b><br><i>Surface, Drop &amp; Check</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> </ul>                                               | Follow standard Level 1 procedures — Surface, Drop & Check method (see appendix).               |
|  | Oregano                        | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> <li>• Fungus Gnats</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul>   | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|  | Parsley (Flat, Curly, Italian) | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• — Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> <li>• Fungus Gnats</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|  | Parsnip                        | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                     | —                                                                                                                                                                       | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|  | Passion Fruit                  | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                     | —                                                                                                                                                                       | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |

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|    | <b>Passion Fruit – Frozen</b> | <b>Level 0</b><br>No Processing Required           | —                                                                                                    | May be used from any source when no additives other than salt or sugar are present.             |
|    | <b>Pea Shoots</b>             | <b>Level 1</b><br><i>Surface, Drop &amp; Check</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 1 procedures — Surface, Drop & Check method (see appendix).               |
|    | <b>Peapods</b>                | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                     | —                                                                                                    | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|    | <b>Pears</b>                  | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                     | —                                                                                                    | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|    | <b>Peppers</b>                | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                     | —                                                                                                    | Remove crowns due to infestation concerns, then wash well.                                      |
|   | <b>Pineapple</b>              | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                     | —                                                                                                    | Cut off the entire rind, then wash well.                                                        |
|  | <b>Pineapples – Frozen</b>    | <b>Level 0</b><br>No Processing Required           | —                                                                                                    | May be used from any source when no additives other than salt or sugar are present.             |
|  | <b>Plums</b>                  | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                     | —                                                                                                    | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|  | <b>Pomegranate</b>            | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                     | —                                                                                                    | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|  | <b>Potatoes</b>               | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                     | —                                                                                                    | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|  | <b>Pumpkin</b>                | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                     | —                                                                                                    | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |

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|    | Purslane                      | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> <li>• Fungus Gnats</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul>     | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|    | Radicchio                     | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Leaf miner</li> <li>• Cabbage looper</li> <li>• Slugs</li> </ul>                             | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|    | Radishes                      | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|    | Raspberries – Fresh or Frozen | <b>Level 6</b><br><i>Do Not Use</i>            | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Do not use this item, even pureed or ground.                                                    |
|   | Red Leaf Lettuce              | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Mites</li> <li>• Leafhopper</li> <li>• Spider</li> <li>• Slug</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|  | Romaine (All Types)           | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Mites</li> <li>• Leafhopper</li> <li>• Spider</li> <li>• Slug</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|  | Rosemary                      | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> <li>• Fungus Gnats</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul>     | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|  | Rutabaga                      | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |

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|    | Sage                         | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> <li>• Fungus Gnats</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul>     | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                                                      |
|    | Scallions                    | <b>Level 3</b><br><i>Specific Instructions</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaf Miners</li> </ul>                                                                                                           | Cut both ends, separate bunch, inspect for leaf miners, wash very well while agitating under water and or including in the top openings of the cut scallions as well |
|    | Shallots                     | <b>Level 1</b><br><i>Surface, Drop &amp; Check</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Onion thrips</li> <li>• Onion maggots</li> <li>• Bulb mites</li> </ul>                                                           | General inspection needed to rule out obvious infestation (cRc)<br>. See below for more detailed instruction of how this method should be done                       |
|    | Shiso (Shishoor)             | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> <li>• Fungus Gnats</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul>     | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                                                      |
|  | Snow Peas                    | <b>Level 2</b><br><i>Washing Only</i>              | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.                                                                      |
|  | Sorrel (French or Otherwise) | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• — Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> <li>• Fungus Gnats</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul>   | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                                                      |
|  | Spinach / Baby Spinach       | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Mites</li> <li>• Leafhopper</li> <li>• Spider</li> <li>• Slug</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                                                      |
|  | Spring Mix                   | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Mites</li> <li>• Leafhopper</li> <li>• Spider</li> <li>• Slug</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                                                      |

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|    | <b>Sprouts</b>                          | <b>Level 3</b><br><i>Specific Instructions</i>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tiny flies</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Mites</li> <li>• Insect larvae</li> </ul>                                                | Wash with a surfactant and rinse. If fragile, do a drop check to rule out infestation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|    | <b>Squash</b>                           | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                           | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|    | <b>Starfruit</b>                        | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                           | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|    | <b>Strawberries – Leaves Removed</b>    | <b>Level 4&amp;5</b><br><i>Additional Steps Required</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strawberry Aphid</li> <li>• Slugs and snails</li> <li>• Two-spotted Spider Mite</li> <li>• Spotted Wing Drosophila</li> </ul>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remove tops without exposing the inner crevice. Soak and agitate in soapy water; gently rub the entire surface.</li> <li>2. Rinse in a colander under flowing water.</li> <li>3. Agitate in a fresh water basin then pour the rinse water through a thrip cloth and examine the cloth for infestation.</li> </ol>                          |
|   | <b>Strawberries – With Leaves</b>       | <b>Level 4&amp;5</b><br><i>Additional Steps Required</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strawberry Aphid</li> <li>• Slugs and snails</li> <li>• Two-spotted Spider Mite</li> <li>• Spotted Wing Drosophila</li> </ul>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Using a soft bristle brush, carefully brush the underside of the leaves. Soak and agitate in soapy water; gently rub the entire surface.</li> <li>2. Rinse in a colander under flowing water.</li> <li>3. Agitate in a freshwater basin, then pour the rinse water through a thrip cloth and examine the cloth for infestation.</li> </ol> |
|  | <b>Sugar Snap Peas</b>                  | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                           | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|  | <b>Sunchoke AKA Jerusalem Artichoke</b> | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                           | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|  | <b>Sweet Potatoes</b>                   | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                           | —                                                                                                                                                                         | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|  | <b>Swiss Chard</b>                      | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Mites</li> <li>• Leafhopper</li> <li>• Spider</li> <li>• Slug</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|    | <b>Tarragon</b>            | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> <li>• Fungus Gnats</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|    | <b>Thyme</b>               | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrips</li> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Mealybugs</li> <li>• Fungus Gnats</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul> | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|    | <b>Tomatoes</b>            | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                     | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|    | <b>Turnips</b>             | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                     | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|   | <b>Watercress</b>          | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> </ul>                                                                                                            | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|  | <b>Watermelon</b>          | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                     | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|  | <b>Watermelon – Frozen</b> | <b>Level 0</b><br>No Processing Required       | —                                                                                                                                                                     | May be used from any source when no additives other than salt or sugar are present.             |
|  | <b>White Asparagus</b>     | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                     | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|  | <b>Wormwood Herb</b>       | <b>Level 4</b><br><i>Check for Infestation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aphids</li> <li>• Spider mites</li> <li>• Fungus Gnats</li> <li>• Whitefly</li> </ul>                                        | Follow standard Level 4 procedures using the Thrip Cloth Method (see appendix).                 |
|  | <b>Yams</b>                | <b>Level 2</b><br>Washing Only                 | —                                                                                                                                                                     | Peel if applicable, then wash well. No further inspection needed unless infestation is visible. |
|  | <b>Zucchini</b>            | <b>Level 2</b><br><i>Washing Only</i>          | —                                                                                                                                                                     | (Peel) Then Wash well.                                                                          |

## Appendix: Inspection Methods

### Important Notes for Mashgichim

- Little Leaf Lettuce (brand name): contact your RC for special instructions on verified-clean lots.
- Thrip cloth and lightbox checks are required as noted. Discard batches that fail after three full cleaning cycles. If in doubt, contact your RC.

### Level 1 — The Dry White Surface, Drop & Check Method

This method is the gentlest way to check certain products without damaging them. Take the product out of its container and put it on one side of a white napkin or a piece of white baking paper. Look at the bottom of the inside of the container to verify there are no insects present. Pick up one or several pieces of the product and gently drop it onto the other side of the napkin or paper. Repeat for all of the product. If nothing emerges, the product may be used.

### Level 2 — Washing Only

All produce should be peeled and washed, or, if there is no peel, washed well. This is standard practice.

### Level 3 — Specific Instructions

See the Handling Instructions column for the specific method required for this item.

### Level 4 — Thrip Cloth Method

Equipment needed: 2 strainers, thrip cloth, produce wash or soap, light box, and a jeweler's loupe or strong magnifying glass.

Make sure basins and sinks are clean before starting. Tip: wash fresh herbs thoroughly with water before the wash/soap rinse cycle — it saves time in the long run.

1. Fill one basin with water and enough produce wash or soap that the produce feels slippery to the touch.
2. Fill a second basin with plain water for the rinse.
3. Separate the produce, washing it first if possible, before immersing it in the wash solution.
4. Fully immerse each leaf in the soak. Don't overfill the basin, and agitate thoroughly from top to bottom.
5. Remove small amounts of product by hand and shake out excess water. Hold the produce loosely to avoid re-trapping dislodged insects.
6. Move the produce to the fresh water basin and agitate, rinsing off any remaining soap.
7. Pour the final rinse water through a thrip cloth positioned between the two strainers.
8. Check the cloth on the light box (with a loupe, hold the lens close to the item and gradually pull it away until the image is sharp).

### Level 5 — Additional Steps Required

See the Handling Instructions column next to the item for its specific additional steps.

### Level 6 — Do Not Use

These items are prohibited and may never be used, even when pureed, ground, or processed.