

## **Checking of Californian Strawberries**

(Bought at Orchard Av. J/K, USA)

### **Driscoll's**

#### **Container no. 1 Orchard:**

First half of container, 6 strawberries:

- A. Visual check: 5 thrips (almost all alive).
- B. First wash: soap water and rubbing each strawberry: 7 thrips found.
- C. second wash (same method as b): 3 thrips found.
- D. Third wash: 1 thrips.
- E. Forth wash: no thrips.
- F. Visual check: clean.

Second half of container, 7 strawberries:

- A. Visual check: 3 thrips.
- B. First wash: 2/3 soap water and 1/3 alcohol: 3 thrips found.
- C. second wash (same method as b): 1 tiny thrip.
- D. Third wash (same): no thrips.
- E. Visual check: clean.

Total thrips in container: 15 thrips.

### **Naturipe Farms**

#### **Container no. 2, av. J:**

- A. Visual check: 1 thrips -alive.  
2 small bugs (like aphids, different color)
- B. washing in soap water and vinegar: 1 thrips found.
- C. Visual check: clean.

### **Berry Bowl**

#### **Container no. 3, E8:**

Visual check: 9 thrips.

#### **Container no 4, Orchard:**

Visual check: 6 thrips.

Total strawberries checked: 12 strawberries, 15 thrips.

Washing [all 12 strawberries together] :

First wash: American method\*: 22 thrips found.

Second wash: 2 thrips.

Third wash: clean.

\*American method: 1 1/2 teaspoon soap + 1 1/2 liter water . Soak for 5 minutes, stir vigorously, rinse each strawberry separately under tap for 15 seconds.