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Pest Control Policy

Exclusion of pests using safe and effective procedures is a core component of Edison Grain Incorporated's cGMPs. We strive for a results-oriented approach to pest management based on pest trends, inspection observations, and professional guidance. Edison Grain complies with state and federal government regulations, as well as the requirements of our organic certifying agency, OTCO, for governing pest management, safety, and food protection.

In accordance with the National Organic Program, Edison Grain does not use any pesticides, but rather employs non-chemical measures to control pests by:

- Removing pest habitat, food sources and breeding areas both inside and outside our facility;
- Preventing pest access to our facility;
- Managing environmental factors to prevent pest reproduction;
- Placing Tin Cats with glue boards every 30 feet along the perimeter of warehouse and production areas;
- Using pheromone and pheromone traps as part of the monitoring and management processes;
- Installing insect light traps (ILTs) to monitor and manage certain flying insects such as the Indian meal moths, fruit flies, etc., with placement in compliance with regulatory requirements;
- Installing bird nets at each receiving dock door; and
- Properly managing all pest control devices.

Edison Grain contracts with a licensed and insured third party pest control service provider for inspection and maintenance of pest control devices. Monthly professional inspections are supported by in-house weekly checks of all interior traps. Damaged traps are replaced or repaired immediately. Dirty traps are cleaned. Glue boards are replaced every 90 days or as needed. Pesticides are prohibited. Any uncommon observations are reported in monthly monitoring reports. Records are established and maintained to satisfy the necessary requirements.

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