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## Foreword

The year 2023 brought us back together with a new look, new team and new passion. Now, it's time to pay farewell to the 2023 and welcome in 2024!

Happy New Year 2024!

Happy New Year from all of us at the Cambodian Journal of Agriculture! We are so grateful for all the support we have received in 2023 that not only to bring back the journal but also to bring the new vision, new spirit and new passion to build a fragile research culture in the country. We hope the year 2024 will further strengthen this ambition and to witness more accomplishments on the growth of scientific achievement in Cambodia and beyond.

Along with the coming new year, I have a great pleasure to bring you the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Cambodian Journal of Agriculture. In this new edition, we have a review paper on the vegetables production in Cambodia, three interrelated papers on pesticides used on tomato production, and an assessment study on the impact of cassava production on the Cambodian environment.

Thanks to all authors of these articles, to relevant editors and reviewers for their contributions and dedications to keep the journal quality in place. Last but not least to all individuals and institutions who have provided all kinds of support for the publication of the journal.

With my best wishes to all for the new year 2024,

Truly yours,

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# The Vegetable Production in Cambodia: Challenges and Key Strategies

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## Abstract

Vegetable production in Cambodia faced many challenges. There have been strong supports from government institutions and development partners to strengthen and modernize the industry to meet these challenges. Unfortunately, these supports are not well coordinated and the problem remains persistent. Cambodia has a great potential to increase vegetable production, both quantity and quality, to meet local demand and export competitiveness. To achieve this potential, four key strategies are suggested, and they are (i) increase accessibility and affordability of modernized technologies to farmers, (ii) enhance the effectiveness of agricultural extension, (iii) expand vegetable production area, and (iv) improve value chain competition in vegetable production. To implement these four key strategies effectively there is a vital need of strengthening linkage among stakeholders, increase investment in research for development, extension agencies, adaptation of modern technology, and supporting infrastructure facilities.

**Keywords:** Vegetable production, challenges, key strategies



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## Abstract

Tomato production is known to be attacked by many pests and diseases making the use of pesticides essential. Therefore, for fresh consumption properly wash before eating is likely to be a safe strategy. In response to this concern, the topic "Effectiveness of washing techniques for reducing pesticide residue on tomatoes" was studied. Fenvalerate, Cyhalothrin (Lambda),

Cypermethrin, Beta-Endosulfan, Dimethoate, and Deltamethrin were among the pesticide chemical compounds used in the study to inoculate tomatoes in order to determine the effects of washing on tomatoes. The samples were cleaned by procedures such as soaking in a 2% salt solution, tapping water, and combining soaking salt and tapping water, and then the final residues were assessed after washing. The most effective treatment was assessed by comparing the amount of pesticide residue left after washing with EU and Codex MRL standards using tomatoes from a farm in Kandal and Battambang provinces. Preparation of analytical samples using the QuEChERS Method and analysis of pesticide residues by GC MS/MS. The results revealed that washing with a 2% salt solution for 5 minutes and then using tap water for 1 minute significantly reduced residues, up 68% to 99.9%, which means the amount of pesticide residue left after washing was lower than the MRL standard of the EU and Codex. Hence, this washing treatment is a good method to use to wash tomatoes before consuming them both fresh and cooked, since this method can reduce the high percentage of pesticide residue.

**Keywords:** *Tapping water, Soaking salt solution, MRL Standard, QuEChERS Method, GC MS/MS*

## Qualification and Quantification of Multi Pesticide Residue on Post Pesticides Spraying Tomato from Kandal Province

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## Abstract

Tomato fruits are rich in nutrients important for our diet. However, production of tomato faces challenges from insects and diseases, that requires the use of pesticides to control them. It is crucial to practice caution and use chemical fertilizers and pesticides appropriately and in correct quantities during tomato cultivation. Misuse can lead to wasted time, money, environmental damage, and pose health hazards to consumers. To address these concerns, a study has been conducted to determine the type and quantity of pesticide residue on tomatoes sprayed in Kandal Province, utilizing GC MS/MS technology. Samples were collected from a farm ranked first in Kandal Province and seven chemical compounds were analysed, including Acetamiprid, Carbofuran, Chlорfenapyr, Cypermethrin, Fipronil, and Chlорpyrifos. These compounds were compared to the standard Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) of Europe and Codex. The sample preparation and analysis were performed using the QuEChERS method and the GC MS/MS machines. The results indicate that tomatoes from the net house contained only chlорpyrifos at a concentration of 0.0080 or 0.008 mg/g. For samples planted in the field 14 days after pesticide spraying, residues of Acetamiprid  $0.4262 \pm 0.0036$  mg/g, Chlорfenapyr (0.0056 or 0.005 mg/g), Cypermethrin ( $0.0292 \pm 0.0025$  mg/g), and Chlорpyrifos ( $0.0145 \pm 0.0016$  mg/g) were found. All the residue amounts of these active components were below the standard MRLs of Europe and Codex.

**Keywords:** *QuEChERS method, MRL Standards, GC MS/MS machine*

# THE EVALUATION OF PESTICIDE RESIDUES IN TOMATOES AT MARKETS IN PHNOM PENH BY GC-MS/MS

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## Abstract

The use of pesticides to control pest and disease in tomato production is unavoidable. Overdose usage of pesticide causes serious concern over food safety particularly on fresh tomato fruits for fresh consumption. This study was conducted to quantify the pesticide residues on tomato purchase from wet and super markets in Phnom Penh by using GC MS/MS. Total of 16 samples were collected from wet market (n=8) and super market (n=8). Sample was collected and preserved in sealed plastic bag and stored in cool box. Later, it was stored in freezer (-20 degree Celsius) before the extraction. QuEChERS Method was adopted in this sample extraction. Six active compounds of pesticide were used to quantify in this study such as Acetamiprid, Chlорfenapyr, Chlорpyrifos, Cypermethrin, Fipronil and Carbofuran. Consequently, both local and imported tomato from wet market contain highest residues and higher than EU and CODEX MRL such as Carbofuran ( $45.15\pm15.94$ ) $\mu$ g/kg and ( $68.50\pm9.62$ ) $\mu$ g/kg, Chlорfenapyr ( $129.2\pm60.8$ ) $\mu$ g/kg and ( $135.75\pm60.10$ ) $\mu$ g/kg, Cypermethrin ( $76.93\pm14.11$ ) $\mu$ g/kg and ( $198.85\pm142.95$ ) $\mu$ g/kg, and Chlорpyrifos ( $19.20\pm11.29$ ) $\mu$ g/kg and ( $28.03\pm8.38$ ) $\mu$ g/kg, respectively. However, for Fipronil, the residues amount was all below EU MRLs. Furthermore, the majority sample of both imported and local tomato from supermarket has residue lower than EU MRLs. In conclusion, these result shows that the local planted tomatoes sold in supermarket is safer to consume in term of pesticide residues. Nevertheless, attention should be given for both local and imported tomatoes sold in wet market.

**Keywords:** QuEChERS, Residue pesticide, GC MS/MS, MRL Standard

# **Environmental Impact Assessment on the Production of Cassava in Cambodia**

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## Abstract

Cassava has become the second largest crop production and contributes substantially to the country economy after rice. The expansion of cassava from a homestead to a commercial crop, and to the second largest crop production in the country raised many concerns especially in its relation to soil nutrient property and its structure. A study was carried out in 2014 to (i) assess the extent that cassava plantation could causes soil erosion and the depletion of soil nutrients and soil organic matter (organic carbon), and to (ii) identify practical mitigation measures that can be adopted by small-scale farmers to sustain their cassava production. The study was conducted in Kampong Cham and Pailin using both quantitative and qualitative approaches, involving individual surveys with cassava farmers, and taking soil samplings in the cassava and non-cassava production areas. Testing was conducted in the laboratory to measure soil nutrient content (NPK), pH and soil organic matter (SOM). Results showed that more than half of the cassava production is grown on sloping land particularly at the northwestern region of the country where land preparation is inappropriately practiced causing soil prone to erosion especially if it is associated with heavy rainfall. However, there is no differences in soil nutrients as well as the level of pH, soil humidity and organic matter in both study areas. Conclusion was drawn that with appropriate cultivation practices, cassava production plays no harm to the environment just like the other crops do.

**Keywords:** Cassava, EIA, Soil organic matter

## សេចក្តីផ្តើម

ព័ន្ធនឹងការស្វែងរកដោយកសិកដោយដំឡើងមីនី និងការបារំលែកសំណាកដី នៅក្នុងតំបន់ផលិតដំឡើងមីនី និងមិនមែនដំឡើងមីមកវិភាគ និងធ្វើតែស្ថិតិក្នុងមន្ទីរពិសោធន៍យើមដឹកស្រាវសារតុបិត្តីមក្នុងដី (NPK) pH និងសារធាតុខ្លួនដែលដឹកស្រាវសារតុបិត្តីមក្នុងដី (Soil Organic Matter-SOM) ។ លទ្ធផលបានបង្ហាញថា ជាងពាក់កណ្តាលនៃផលិតកម្មដំឡើងមី ត្រូវបានដោយដំឡើងដីដែលមែនជាប្រភេទសារតុបិត្តីមក្នុងដី ដែលការរៀបចំដីមិនត្រូវបានអនុវត្តដោយត្រីមត្រី ដែលបណ្តាលឱ្យដឹងដាយដោយទៅនឹងសំណើក ជាពិសេសប្រសិនបើមានត្រូវដ្ឋាក់ខ្លាំង។ ទៅដឹងដាយដោយមិនមានភាពខុសត្រូវនៃសារធាតុបិត្តីមក្នុងដី ក៏ដូចជាកម្រិត pH សំណើមដី និងសារធាតុខ្លួនដី នៅក្នុងតំបន់សិក្សាចាំងពីរនោះទេ។ ជារួមយើងអាចស្វិតិនានបានបាន ជាមួយនឹងការអនុវត្តការដោយដំឡើងសម្រប ផលិតកម្មដំឡើងមីមិនបែបណាប់ដល់បរិស្ថានដូចការលើកទ្រឹងនោះទេ។

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