

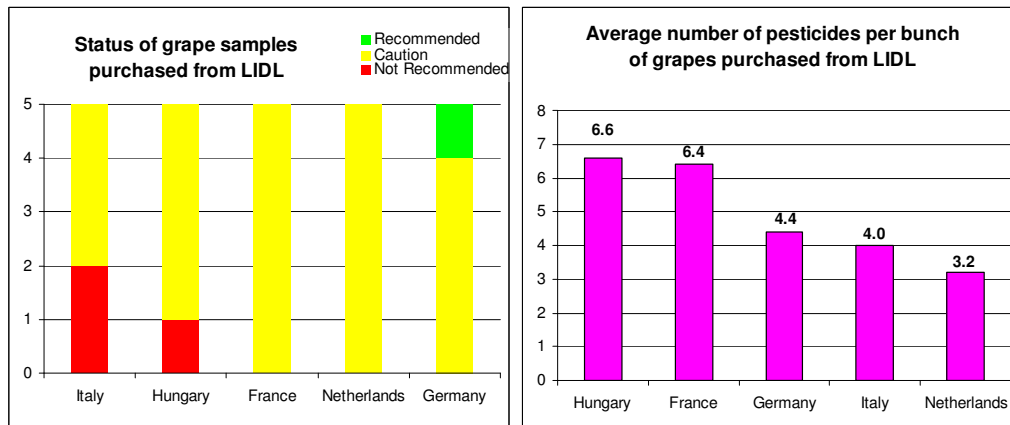
HUNGARY

Analysis of grapes purchased from LIDL in Hungary

All five samples of grapes purchased from LIDL in Hungary were contaminated with pesticides. On average 6.6 different pesticides were detected per sample of grapes. Eighty percent of grape samples contained five or more pesticides. Fifteen different pesticide substances were detected in total. One sample was classified as 'Not Recommended' under the Greenpeace evaluation system, while the other four received 'Caution' status – denoting contamination (see graph below). None of the grape samples were classified as 'Recommended'.

Does LIDL sell better grapes in Germany and Netherlands?

In Germany and Netherlands, LIDL promises customers extra high standards on pesticides. According to LIDL's policies, no food products sold by its stores in Germany or Netherlands will contain pesticides at concentrations above one third of the legal maximum. Furthermore LIDL promises that the Acute Reference Dose (ARfD) – the level at which pesticides can be acutely damaging to human health, especially young children, will never be exceeded. LIDL has around 100 retail outlets in Hungary, but has never made any such promises on pesticides to its Hungarian customers.



One bunch of grapes purchased from LIDL in Hungary contained pesticides at levels 44% of the MRL. According to its policy on pesticides, LIDL would not knowingly have sold these grapes to customers in Germany or Netherlands.

Highest average number of pesticides

Our analysis of LIDL outlets in five EU countries also found the highest average number of pesticides present in grapes sold in Hungary. With an average 6.6 pesticides present per sample, grapes sold by LIDL in Hungary contained over twice as many pesticides as were found on grapes purchased from LIDL in Netherlands.

'Not Recommended' status

One sample of grapes purchased from LIDL in Hungary was awarded 'Not Recommended' status. No samples of grapes purchased from LIDL in either Germany or Netherlands received this classification.