

Food Safety Program

Jonathan's Develops Safe Production Protocols for Sprout Industry

- Leadership: Founder and Current President, ISGA (International Sprout Growers Association)
- Membership and participation in IAFP (International Association for Food Protection)
- Initiator, sponsor and participant in risk analysis research suggesting improvements in present FDA safety recommendations for sprouts
- Chair Sprout Safety Taskforce Subcommittee to develop Sprout Safety Audit with FDA and USDA
- Steering Committee FDA Sprout Safety Alliance
- Developer and promoter of sampling and testing protocols
- Frequent presenter at industry meetings
- Major contributor to industry promotion
- Presenter at First World Congress on Organic Food on subject of organic risk-management strategies

\$150,000 Testing Program

In addition to pre-production testing of every shipment of seed, every crop grown at Jonathan's is sampled and tested after 48 hours growing time. Every day, these production samples are delivered to our independent lab, where they are tested, in duplicate. Test results must be back before the crop leaves our production facility.

Samples are also quality tested in Jonathan's own program.

HACCP Production Facility

- GFSI certified to SQF Code, 7th Edition Level 2
- FDA inspected (most recently in November 2014)
- Kosher inspected, annually
- Certified Organic inspected, annually
- Certified Armed forces procurement inspected and approved, annually



37 Years Delivering Uncompromised Quality

The industry standard for **Beansprouts** is a yield of 10 to 12 pounds of sprouts per pound of seeds; Jonathan's harvests Beansprouts at a yield of 6 pounds. The younger sprouts retain nutrients to continue growing and have a longer shelf life and more bean (less watery) flavor.

The industry standard for **Alfalfa Sprouts** is a yield of 10 to 14 pounds. Jonathan's harvests Alfalfa when the yield is 8 pounds. The younger sprouts are sweeter and have a longer shelf life.

Jonathan's cup products are a **full 4 ounces**. **No cheaper clover seed** substituted or blended with alfalfa.

Broccoli Sprouts

An investigation of cancer protection levels in Jonathan's Broccoli Sprouts:

Three fresh broccoli sprout samples were analyzed for glucosinolate levels: Two samples of Jonathan's sprouts, and one sample of the more expensive brand.

Results: "...little variation... among the samples tested, suggesting that one seedling is not more healthful than another."

Jonathan's Broccoli Sprouts are Certified Organic and also less expensive.

