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To our valued Black Bean Growers:

With the 2018 crop harvest rapidly approaching, we felt it necessary to update you on an important issue that we all are faced with.

The buyers (canners-packagers), that we supply here domestically in the US, as well as our customers abroad, have taken a very tough stance demanding **NO** Glyphosate residue on the beans that we supply them. Public perception about this issue is negative, and with the recent lawsuit against Monsanto/Bayer it will only increase scrutiny of the food products we supply.

We are now forced to adopt a **NO** Glyphosate policy for the Black Beans that we buy; the risk is too great for all of us involved in producing our high quality Michigan Black Beans.

We will be retaining a sample from each load this year, and we will be performing random tests.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Sincerely,
Roger Hupfer