

We want to reassure parents that Beech-Nut's real food for babies is healthy, nutritious and safe. Our focus is on the safety and quality of the food we prepare for infants and toddlers.

The Consumer Reports baby food article recommends specific actions for manufacturers, including sourcing produce from areas less likely to be contaminated, and ensuring water and equipment used for manufacturing don't contribute to contamination. These actions have been an important part of Beech-Nut Nutrition's quality and safety process for many years.

Our goal is and always has been to minimize the trace amounts of heavy metals in our products. The difficulty with lead, in particular, is that it is naturally occurring and widely present in soil. Certain ingredients, like sweet potatoes and rice, are especially vulnerable because of their growing conditions.

In addition, we continue to advocate for a government standard or recommendation for lead levels. We would welcome the opportunity to work with the FDA on science-based standards that food suppliers can implement across our industry.