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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An apparatus for cleaning produce has a container with an interior volume defined by a wall and a pipe positioned in the container adjacent the wall. The pipe has at least one aperture suitable for directing a flow of water toward a portion of the wall spaced from the pipe such that the flow of water creates a cyclonic path in the container. The pipe extends generally vertically along the wall of the container. The pipe includes a plurality of apertures formed in spaced relation to each other along the length of the pipe. The pipe has a closed end positioned below an upper edge of the container. The method includes overflowing the container such that the debris on the produce is removed from the produce.

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