This fact sheet describes the EPA’s definition of harvest.
Pesticide residue
Substance(s) which remains in or on a feed or food commodity, soil, air or water following use of a pesticide

Tolerance
Maximum concentration of a residue that is legally permitted or recognized as acceptable in, or on, a food, agricultural commodity or animal feedstuff as set by EPA

Other Intervals
- Pregrazing interval may be included on pesticides with a pasture label
  - This is the minimum amount of time between the last application of a pesticide and grazing with livestock
- Preslaughter intervals (PSI's) are expressed similar to PHI's
  - Minimum permissible time between final application of a pesticide to an animal and slaughter for human consumption

According to the EPA's memo regarding the definition of harvest, for many crops, the label should be interpreted as “interval to cutting”.
- Harvest is considered to be the cutting or picking of the crop
- For such crops EPA still considers harvest to be the cutting of the plant or the digging from the ground
- This is the cutting or picking of the crop, NOT the gathering or removal from the field

Always READ and FOLLOW the label directions!

References and Resources

http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/labeling/lrm/

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