



KASHRUS DEPARTMENT

YOSHON UPDATE SPECIFICS

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Anybody that wishes to set aside supplies is advised that now is the time to start doing so.

Remember that the coming year is a leap year, this adds a full month to your requirements.

✓ Useful tip - many of the cheap outlets such as "Pound Shops" or Asian supermarkets often carry short-dated products. It is possible to purchase branded products at these outlets much later in the year than at the major supermarkets which have a much faster turnaround.

Please do not call MH Kashrus office to enquire about any specific brands of flour or cereals. We have found that it is no longer possible to obtain genuine and accurate information from the manufacturers, and we are therefore unable to advise.

NOTE:

**The one and only real way to be certain
is to buy now and set aside.**

The dates and product codes supplied below are the **latest** time that one can be absolutely certain that a product is free of any Chashash Chodosh.

Once these dates have passed, there will be Chodosh grain in circulation, on sale and in use.

Each product will then be subject to varying levels of sofek Chodosh.

The Chashash will be based on remaining stock from last year as well as a small percentage of this year's grain which was planted on time.

The chashash gets progressively greater as time goes on and last year's stock dwindles.

Most UK grown barley is Chodosh this year.

Many breakfast cereals contain barley malt which could very likely be Chodosh.

It is not possible to identify with absolute certainty the source and status of the malt they use.

Regarding oats, as well as Scottish, Irish and European which are often Chodosh, there are also English oats which are Chodosh this year, we cannot quantify this but it is assumed to be less than a majority.

Breakfast Cereals containing oats pose a serious Chashash as manufacturers use a variety of English and imported European oats which is almost certainly Chodosh.

English oats are the first problematic grain to reach the market, followed by English Barley, Scottish oats and then Canadian wheat.



KEY DATES

OATS:

- English oats - Oats packed before 20/Aug/26 (production code 6232 or lower).
- Scottish and Irish oats - Oats packed before 1/Sept/26 (production code 6244 or lower).
- European oats - oats marked EU - dates/codes similar to Scottish.
- Cereals containing oats (as an ingredient)- Products packed before 7/Sept/26 (production code 6250 or lower).

Barley:

- Barley packed before 21/Aug/26 (production code 6233 or lower).
- Cereals containing malt- Products packed before 1/Oct/26 (production code 6274 or lower).
- BEER: manufactured after 15/October/18 (prod code 6288) could very likely be made from Chodosh.

STRONG FLOUR:

- Canadian bread flour - packed before 1/November/26 (production code 6305 or lower). This may still change subject to weather conditions in Canada etc.
- English bread flour is generally Yoshon, there is a small amount of Chodosh wheat which is not traceable. (English flour can be identified by the Red Tractor symbol on the packet. However, "Produced in the U.K." refers to the milling NOT the origin of the wheat).

SOFT FLOUR - Plain and self-raising flour are generally always Yoshon.

SPELT and RYE: both English and European are generally always Yoshon.

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