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WARNING ON HOME BAKING FLOUR HAS BEEN **CANCELLED**

Several weeks ago we were warned by sources in the flour milling industry that a recent major recall of Gold Medal home baking flour may result in significant shifts in the use of winter wheat vs. spring wheat in such flours. As a result of this, we issued a warning to the Yoshon-observant public for assurance of Yoshon to use all home baking flour if it either has an hashgocho for Yoshon, or it can be determined from the dating code that the flour was packed before Jul 29 '16. In fact, it has now been determined that the situation has not changed from previous years. Therefore, those flours which have been from winter wheat in the past, should continue to be so this year as well. This includes Gold Medal Flour from factory KC and the Heckers and Ceresota brands.

SECOND DRAFT OF THE PRELIMINARY GUIDE TO CHODOSH COMING

The Guide to Chodosh is published in two editions. The Preliminary Guide is due to be released soon, the full Guide for the season after sukkos. The SECOND draft of the Preliminary Guide is ready. It is still incomplete and has some errors, mostly typographical. I hope to send all of you this preliminary draft later today. You should be able to use it to get the Chodosh code for most packaged products. You will note that most information that depends on mashgichim is missing. Their information has not yet been forwarded to us. If you find any errors or confusing entries, please drop me a note to yherman@earthlink.net. I will not be able to answer each email, but will appreciate your feedback.

[See [PDF Copy of the 2nd Draft of the Preliminary Guide to Chodosh.](#)]

THE FOLLOWING AS OF AUG 2 '16

THE OFFICIAL START OF THE NEW CHODOSH SEASON

The Chodosh season has begun this year somewhat earlier than usual due to the agricultural conditions in the growing areas. Our estimates of the start of Chodosh for each crop are based

on the reports from the US Department of Agriculture. This year, this information is enhanced by reports sent to me by several mashgichim, for which I thank these mashgichim.

PLEASE POST THIS BULLETIN IN SHULS AND OTHER LOCATIONS WHERE THOSE WHO ARE CAREFUL ABOUT CHODOSH WOULD SEE IT.

- 1) **Freshly baked items using spring wheat**, including breads, challahs, bagels, rolls, pizza and some cakes and cookies may be Chodosh in the Midwest after the PURCHASE DATE of Jul 29. Elsewhere in the US, this date would be Aug 12.
- 2) **Packaged foods from spring wheat** may be Chodosh after the PACKING date of Jul 29, or the PURCHASE date of Aug 12.
- 3) **Noodles and pasta** may be Chodosh after the PACKING date of Aug 13 and the PURCHASE date of Aug 27.
- 4) **Barley**, such as pearly barley, may be Chodosh after the PACKING date of Aug 9 and PURCHASE date of Aug 23.
- 5) **Oats**: Oats in all products, including cereals, may be Chodosh starting with a PACKING date of Jul 20, PURCHASE date of Aug 3. (The known exception is for General Mills cereals including all Cheerios, for which the Chodosh packing date is July 31 or later.)
- 6) **Barley malt** (also listed in the ingredients as "malt") may be Chodosh as of the packing date of **Dec 15**. Package codes should be checked after the purchase date of **Dec 15** for **beer** made from barley malt and **Mar 15** for malt in other products.

Even though pesach was late on the solar calendar this year, still almost all of the 3 crops of interest were planted after pesach and are Chodosh. The early harvest this year is due to weather conditions in the growing areas.

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