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Final Chodosh Starting Date Estimates

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FOR THE YOSHON CONSUMER: PRELIMINARY ESTIMATED GUIDELINES

We give below the final estimates for the upcoming Chodosh season. These are based on the US Department of Agriculture harvest reports and preliminary information from mashgichim. The dates are identical to our starting estimates of last year.

We expect the Chodosh grain started to appear in products as follows:

- 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 July 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 July 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. (For details see below.)
- 6) Barley malt (also listed in the ingredients as "malt") may be Chodosh as of the packing date of Nov 15 for beer and Dec 15 for other packaged foods. 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.

Please note that the early starting date for oats is a chumrah, based on the start of the oats harvest which is already on the way now. However, many cereal companies keep old oats in storage and start using Chodosh later. General Mills (Cheerios, etc) usually starts at least 1-2 months later. Quaker some years started this early, other years later. To be sure, purchase oats cereals for storage now. It is too early now for mashgichim to be able to find out the oats starting date for this year for specific companies.