



GENERAL YOSHON NEWS

G'mar Chatima Tovah!

The New Season is Full of Surprises

There is good news in that a few standard items are back, such as *yoshon* winter wheat for General Mills, Post and Malt-O-Meal cereals. Aside from that, the new season has had its share of surprises in comparison to previous years...

- This year, Oats were *not* the first *chodosh* crop of the season. Instead, Barley was 3 days earlier at August 10, 2022!
- Gold Medal “KC” All Purpose and Bread Flours (for many years, people’s “go-to” *yoshon* flour) becomes *chodosh* even *before* the general date for wheat! The Wheat date is August 18, 2022. However, the packing date for Gold Medal “KC” was 3 days earlier at August 15, 2022!
- King Arthur flour, which has gone by a best by date for many years, now has the *latest* date of the non-*yoshon* flours at a packing date of August 27, 2022.
- Many companies have been changing their shelf-life times, which is the basis for figuring out the *yoshon* status of products that only bear a Best By date. If a product you have seems appears to have been made in the future, it could be the victim of a shelf-life time change or extension. Please let us know about it, and we can try to look into it. Items that have changed include Publix and Trader Joe’s flours, Joray Fruit Rolls, and Fiber Gourmet Pastas. All have had shelf-life extensions.
- New packaging updates have been another problem, in the respect that some companies change their UPC Barcode numbers when coming out with newer or “improved” packaging. In this case, your product may not scan with our app because we do not have the new bar code number. If you know of a product that is on our site, but nothing comes up with a scan, please let us know so that we can program the new number in.



Remaining Tentative Dates

Still tentative are the Pasta dates, and General Mills, Post and Quaker Oat dates. In the meantime, these items can still be figured out by using these tentative “safe” cutoff dates for products made in the USA:

Pasta: August 27, 2022 (Durum wheat products including couscous, orzo and noodles.)

Quaker Oats: August 13, 2022

Post Oats: September 1, 2022

General Mills Oats: October 1, 2022

To figure these out manually for the Best By cutoff dates, go to your product’s entry on our site. Scroll down to the “Additional Information” tab, and find the “Shelf Life” time (listed first). Add this amount of time to the tentative dates listed above, and you will get the Best By Cutoff date. Use the Date and Time calculator to make it easier. Here is the link: <https://www.timeanddate.com/date/dateadded.html>

When these are finally released, their entries will be updated. Please bear with us, and thank you for your patience, as we all wait for the final dates to come out.



RECENT YOSHON UPDATES

September 25, 2022 - OK Kosher Certification Advisory on Yoshon

“25 Elul 5782- September 21, 2022
Company: The Better Baking Company LLC
14530 Blythe St.
Van Nys, CA 91402

Advisory: Please be advised that The Better Baking Company (Universal Bakery) was unable to acquire the necessary amount of Yoshon flour for all their product for the remainder of the Chodosh season.

Therefore, their products are not certified as Yoshon until further notice. The company is working on removing “Yashan” from their labels. However, please be aware that none of their products are certified Yoshon even if the label states that the product is Yoshon.

Brands (when bearing an OK or Heart K symbol) include:
Abraham, Asal Banoo, Babylon, Crescent, Old Jerusalem, Papillon, Rubic's, Sadaf, Shams, Shireen Banoo, Shop Delight, The Baker, Turlock, Universal Bakery, and Village.”

(Source: OK Kosher)



September 23, 2022 – COR Canada Preview Update

The first new document for the season from COR Canada, put into pdf for convenience. The Direct Download Links are below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/COR-Canada-YoshonPreview2022.pdf>

(Source: COR Canada)



September 23, 2022 – General Dates Updated

With the news of the *yoshon* wheat used in cereal, we added them to the current General Chodosh Cutoff Dates Sheet. The Direct Download Links are below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/GeneralDatesUpdated-9-22-22.pdf>

(Source: TYNI)



September 22, 2022 - Confirmation on King Arthur Flours

King Arthur Wheat Flours have a cutoff date of August 27th. Consumer-sized bags will have a Best if Used By date of 08-27-2023, and 50-lb commercial-sized bags will have a Packing Date of 08-27-2022. All Flour must have been made before this date.

(Source: Star-K)



September 20, 2022 - Official Posting for Trader Joe's Babka and Half Moon Cookies

“TRADER JOE'S brand of CHOCOLATE BROOKLYN BABKA, CINNAMON BROOKLYN BABKA, and HALF MOON COOKIES that bear OU Pareve are Pas Yisroel. (They are no longer Yoshon.)”

(Source COR Detroit’s “Kosher Gram”)



September 19, 2022 – OU Yoshon/Pas Yisroel Products and Establishments List Re-Published with Permission

This is a better version than the one we copy from their webpage. Reposted with permission from the OU, originally published in the Elul 5782 issue of “*Daf HaKashrus*”. “Yoshon” entries are highlighted in yellow. The Direct Download Link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/OU-PasYisroelYoshonList-5783.pdf>

(Source: OU)



September 20, 2022 – New Season’s Yoshon Cereals List

With the cereal news, we were able to create our annual “Yoshon Cereals List”. The Direct Download Links are below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/YoshonCerealsListUpdated9-20-22.pdf>

(Source: TYNI)



September 20, 2022 – Good News for Cereal Fans

It is confirmed that three of the big cereal companies- Post, Malt-O-Meal (Part of Post), and General Mills will again be using *yoshon* winter wheat this season in their cereals.

(Source: OU c/o Star-K)



September 14, 2022 – New Star-K Yoshon Quick Reference Guide

This contains many products, although some dates are still tentative. Here is the Direct Download Link:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/STAR-KQuickRefYoshonGuide2022-9-8-22.pdf>

(Source: Star-K)



September 14, 2022 – KVH Yoshon/Pas Yisroel Products List

We welcome the Rabbinical Council of New England (*Kashrus Vaad Harabonim*), as we present the KHV’s *Yoshon/Pas Yisroel* List. For convenience, we have split it into two parts: One download is the whole list (quite lengthy). The other is only those pages with *yoshon* items highlighted in yellow. Here are the Direct Download Links.

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/KVH-CertifiedPasYisroelandYoshonProducts5783.pdf>

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/KVH-CertifiedYoshonProductsOnly5783.pdf>

(Source: KVH)



September 9, 2022 – Montreal Kosher of Canada’s First Update

MK of Canada posted this to their email list:

“Dear Consumers,

We are pleased to share with you the latest Yoshon update.

Any flour with a COR323 carrying a ‘SK’ plant code and a date code of 2-230 or lower is Yoshon. 2-231 and above are from the new crop and can not be considered Yoshon. Costco in Montreal very often carries this flour. If the plant code is ‘MT’ - it is still yoshon.

For durum semolina and Atta flour a date code of 2-234 or lower is Yoshon.

Stock up on Oats and barley.

Good Shabbos,

MK Yoshon Department”

(Source: Montreal Kosher)



September 7, 2022 – Star-K Yoshon/Pas Yisroel List

Here is the Direct Download Link for on our site. (Of course it can be found at Star-K as well.)

https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Star-K_PY-Yoshon2022.pdf

(Source: Star-K)



September 7, 2022 – Updated “Always Yoshon Hechsherim” List

No agencies have changed, some explanations were merely clarified.

Here is the Direct Download Link:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Always-YoshonHechsherim-2022-23.pdf>

(Source: TYNI)



September 6, 2022 – Early Gold Medal Flour KC Date!

Just to let everyone know, we were just informed that Gold Medal “KC” flour has an earlier packing date than the general wheat date. It is updated on our site accordingly as below. The date on your package must be before these dates:

Date Code: Depends on Individual Mill (See Below)

From “KC” Plant- Better if Used By Date of FEB 15 24. (Packing Date: AUG 15 22.)

From All Other Plants- Better if Used By Date of FEB 18 24. (Packing Date: AUG 18 22.)

(Source: OU c/o Star-K)



September 5, 2022 – Bloom’s Items

We were informed that Bloom’s items will be *yoshon* at least through the end of the year.

(Source: Star-K)



August 30, 2022 – Unger’s Filo

“Unger’s frozen Filo Dough, best before FEB 25 2024 is still Yoshon”

(Source: New Square Kashrus)



August 30, 2022 – Ardent Mills Flour (COR 323)

“The Saskatoon plant has started new crop. For Ardent Mills, Robin Hood, Bakers Hood, Master Hand, Golden Temple or any flour with a COR323, if the plant code is ‘SK’ - a date code of 2-230 or lower. If the plant code is ‘MT’ - it is still yoshon; anticipated changeover is mid Sept. Costco very often carries this flour.

For durum semolina and Atta flour a date code of 2-234 or lower.

Most other new crop changeovers aren’t occurring before mid Sept.

Thank you

Rabbi J. Norman, Rabbinic Coordinator

COR - Kashruth Council of Canada”

(Source: COR of Canada)



August 21, 2022 – Lieber’s and Tuscanini

Lieber’s Graham Crackers and Snackers are “Always Yoshon”.

Tuscanini Pizza and Gnocchi are yoshon this season.

(Source: Rabbi Chaim Weissmandl)



YOSHON PRODUCT OR ESTABLISHMENT ALERTS

September 9, 2022 – New cRc Yoshon Establishments Pages

Establishments that are not *yoshon* are on the first two pages, and a complete list of restaurants and bakeries are in the second half, all *yoshon* places are highlighted in yellow for convenience. Here is the Direct Download Link:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/cRcYoshonEstablishments-9-9-2022.pdf>

(Source: cRc Chicago)



September 2022 – The RCC’s Yoshon/Pas Yisroel Establishments List

As done in previous seasons, the current *yoshon* establishments are highlighted in yellow. Here is the Direct Download Link:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/RCCYoshonEstablishments5783.pdf>

(Source: RCC)



RECALLS AND ISSUES AFFECTING YOSHON OR POTENTIALLY YOSHON PRODUCTS

Nothing to Report.



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<https://landing.redplum.com/p/kikkoman>



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<http://www.kedemsavings.com/>

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