

PRODUCT SHELF LIFE LIST AS OF 2/1/06

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Product Shelf Life List

Product	Product Type	Extension period	Vendor	Effective Date	Remarks
Apple Juice (canned)	Beverages	18 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Apples & Applesauce (canned)	Fruit	24 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Apricots (canned)	Fruit	24 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Baby cereal Del Monte (oatmeal based)	Baby food	30 days	Del Monte	6/9/04	Del Monte only
Baby cereal Del Monte (rice based)	Baby food	60 days	Del Monte	6/9/04	Del Monte only
Baby food (jarred) Del Monte	Baby food	0 days	Del Monte	4/14/04	Del Monte only
Bacon (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Bacon Bits (imitation)	Condiments	4 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Bacon Oscar Meyer, Louis Rich	Meats	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Bagels (frozen)	Breads & Cereal	2 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Bakers, Calumet, Certo, Everfresh Kraft	Baking Ingredients	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Bakery Mix Biscuit type	Breads & Cereal	12 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Baking Powder	Baking Ingredients	6 months	N/A	12/23/03	
BBQ sauce	Condiments	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Beans (canned)	Vegetables	5 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Beans, dried	Legumes	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Beans-canned (all types)	Legumes	36 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Beans-dry (all types)	Legumes	12 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Beans-vegetarian canned	Legumes	24 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Beef (canned)	Meats	36 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Beef (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Beef patties (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	6/1/97	Until product appears bad
Beef roast (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	6/1/97	Until product appears bad
Beef-ground (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	6/1/97	Until product appears bad
Biscuit or pancake mix	Baking Ingredients	15 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Blackberries/Blueberries (Frozen)	Fruit	18 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Bread dough (frozen)	Breads & Cereal	0 days	N/A	12/23/03	
Bread mixes	Baking Ingredients	18 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Breakfast drink (shelf stable dairy product)	Dairy	6 months	N/A	5/26/05	Website info

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Burritos (frozen)	Entrees	2 months	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Butter	Dairy	3 months	N/A	12/23/03	9 months frozen
Butter & Margarine (Fleischmann's Blue Bonnet & Parkay)	Dairy	30 days	Nabisco	4/13/04	Nabisco only
Butter & Margarine, flavored spreads	Dairy	60 days	Land O' Lakes	3/1/03	Land O'Lakes only
Cakes & brownie mixes	Baking Ingredients	18 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Cappucino Kraft	Beverages	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Capri Sun Kraft	Beverages	18 days (dry mix) 60 days (bottles or pouches)	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Carmel Corn w/ nuts	Snacks	90 days	N/A	4/25/05	Website info
Carrots (canned)	Vegetables	5 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Carrots (canned)	Vegetables	30 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Catsup	Condiments	18 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Cereal - All types	Breads & Cereal	12 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Cereal (2 lb or greater plastic bags) Kellogg	Breads & Cereal	15 months	Kellogg's	3/7/03	Good for 15 months from manufacture date.
Cereal (family-sized) Kellogg	Breads & Cereal	90 days	Kellogg's	3/7/03	Kellogg only
Cereal (small boxes (2.0 oz or less)) Kellogg	Breads & Cereal	12 months	Kellogg's	3/7/03	Good for 12 months from manufacture date.
Cereal, cook before eating	Breads & Cereal	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Cereal, ready-to-eat	Breads & Cereal	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Cereals (Post brand)	Breads & Cereal	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Cheese (American, Cheddar, Mozzarella)	Dairy	12 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Cheese (hard)	Dairy	6 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Cheese (Natural & Processed)	Dairy	45 days	Land O' Lakes	3/1/03	Land O'Lakes only
Cheese- cottage	Dairy	1 week	N/A	12/23/03	
Cheese- Grated (Kraft)	Dairy	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft Cheese products only
Cheese Sauces #10 cans & 9 oz cans	Dairy	12 months	Land O' Lakes	3/1/03	Land O'Lakes only
Cheese- sliced, & Pollio	Dairy	30 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft Cheese products only
Cheese Whiz Kraft	Dairy	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft Cheese products only
Cheesecake (KraftO	Dairy	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft Cheese products only
Cherries (frozen)	Fruit	24 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Chicken (canned)	Meats	2-5 years	N/A	12/23/03	

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Chicken- fried (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Chicken- ground (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Chicken nuggets (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Chicken parts (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	6/1/97	Until product appears bad
Chicken- parts (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Chicken thighs (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	6/1/97	Until product appears bad
Chicken- whole (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Chicken-Cut up (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	6/1/97	Until product appears bad
Chicken-diced (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	6/1/97	Until product appears bad
Chili Sauce	Condiments	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Chocolate	Candy	18-24 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Chocolate syrup	Desserts	24 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Citrus products (guava, kiwi-strawberry) Ocean Spray	Beverages	30 days	Ocean Spray	3/1/03	Ocean Spray only
Cocktail sauce	Condiments	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Cocoa & cocoa mixes	Desserts	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	
Coffee (ground in cans)	Beverages	24 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Coffee (instant)	Beverages	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Coffee (starbucks) Kraft	Beverages	365	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only - onsite only
Coffee Creamer (liquid/non-dairy)	Beverages	9 months	N/A	5/26/05	Non-dairy only
Coffee Kraft brands (see remarks)	Beverages	180 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft brands (Burlaps, Gen. Foods, Hotel & Rest., Jedi, Maxwell House, Origins, Sanka, Office Coffee Systems)
Cooked fish (frozen)	Seafood	6 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Cookies	Snacks	8 months			
Cookies (Bakery type)	snacks	2 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Cookies Keebler	Snacks	4 months	Keebler	3/7/03	Keebler only
Cooking oil	Baking Ingredients	6 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Cooking oil- spray	Baking Ingredients	2 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Corn (canned)	Vegetables	5 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Corn (cream)	Vegetables	36 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Corn Flake Crumbs & Croutettes Kellogg	Breads & Cereal	27 months	Kellogg's	3/7/03	Good for 27 months from manufacture date.

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Corned beef (with pickling juices) (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Cornmeal	Baking Ingredients	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Cornmeal	Breads & Cereal	12 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Cornstarch	Baking Ingredients	18 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Corn-whole kernel (canned)	Vegetables	36 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Country Time Kraft	Beverages	18 days (dry mix) 60 days (bottles or pouches)	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Cracker Jacks	Snacks	90 days	N/A	4/25/05	Website info
Crackers	snacks	8 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Crackers (Handi Snack, Snack Box)	Snacks	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Crackers Keebler	Snacks	4 months	Keebler	3/7/03	Keebler only
Craisins	snacks	120 days	Ocean Spray	3/1/03	Ocean Spray only
Cranberry and other sauces Ocean Spray	Sides	90 days	Ocean Spray	3/1/03	Ocean Spray only
Crayfish (frozen)	Seafood	6 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Cream Cheese, Natural Cheese (Chunks/bars) Churney Cheese, Kraft	Dairy	30 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft Cheese products only
Cream of Wheat, Cream of Rice Kraft	Breads & Cereal	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Dates (frozen)	Fruit	12 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Dijonnaise Hellmann's	Condiments	12 months	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Hellmann's only, 3 month extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Dream Whip (Kraft)	Desserts	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Dressings (Taste of Life, Seven Seas, Good Seasons) Kraft	Condiments	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Dry packaged desserts (Jell-o, No bake) Kraft	Desserts	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Dry soups/bullion/dips Knorr only	Soups	12 months	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Knorr's only, 6 month extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3

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Duck- whole (frozen)	Meats	6 months	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Egg beaters (Fleischmann's)	Dairy	0 days	Nabisco	4/13/04	Nabisco only
Egg mix (dried)	Dairy	15 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Egg substitutes (frozen)	Dairy	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
<u>Eggo waffles & pancakes</u>	Breads & Cereal	15 months	Kellogg's	3/7/03	Goo for 15 months from manufacture date.
Figs-dried	Fruit	18 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Fish (canned)	Meats	2-5 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Fish nuggets (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	6/1/97	Until product appears bad
Fish-breaded (frozen)	Seafood	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Fish-raw (frozen)	Seafood	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Flour - All types	Breads & Cereal	12 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Flour- Wheat	Baking Ingredients	1 month	N/A	12/23/03	6-8 months in refrigerator
Flour- White	Baking Ingredients	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Frosting- canned	Baking Ingredients	10 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Frosting mixes	Baking Ingredients	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Frozen toppings Kraft	Dairy	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Fruit Snacks	Snacks	6 months	N/A	4/21/05	Fresh to 8 weeks past sell by date, good to at least 6 months.
Fruits - canned	Fruit	18 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Fruits- dried	Fruit	6 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Fruits-berries, melons (frozen)	Fruit	6 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Garlic, chopped (jars)	Baking Ingredients	18 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Gatorade	Beverages	9 months	N/A	5/17/05	Website info
Gelatin, flavored	Desserts	18 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Gelatin, unflavored	Desserts	3 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Giblets (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Goose- whole (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Grape Juices (canned)	Beverages	12 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Grapefruit Juice (canned)	Beverages	24 months	N/A	6/1/97	

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Gravy- dry mixes	Baking Ingredients	2 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Green Beans (canned)	Vegetables	24 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Grits-Corn	Breads & Cereal	12 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Ground meat (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Guacamole	Condiments	4 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Gummy Bears	Snacks	6 months	N/A	4/21/05	Fresh to 8 weeks past sell by date, good to at least 6 months.
Ham-- Honey-Baked John Morrell	Meat	N/A	John Morrell	3/1/03	For on-site feeding only (John Morrell hams only)
Ham, whole cooked (Frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Ham-boneless (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	6/1/97	Until product appears bad
Ham-canned (refrigerated)	Meats	9 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Herbs- dried	Baking Ingredients	2 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Horseradish & Chutney sauces	Condiments	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Hot Chocolate, Cappucino Kraft	Beverages	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Hot Dogs (Oscar Meyer, Louis Rich)	Meats	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Hot Dogs (sealed in package) (Frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Ice cream	Desserts	4 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Ice cream cones Keebler	snacks	4 months	Keebler	3/7/03	Keebler only
Ice Cream Cones Keebler	Snacks	4 months	Keebler	3/7/03	Keebler only
Infant Formula	Baby food	0 days	Nestle's	3/1/03	Good Start, Follow-up and Carnation Alsoy brands
Jello (ready to eat)	Desserts	30 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Jelly & Jams	Condiments	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Juice- Knudsen Sparkling	Beverages	2 yrs			2 yrs from manufacture
Juices - canned	Beverages	18 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Juicy Juice (cans)	Beverages	12 months	Nestle's	3/1/03	
Juicy Juice (little boxes)	Beverages	3 months	Nestle's	3/16/03	Offer # N160056 of 3/15/05 showed 6 months ext
JuicyJuice (bottles)	Beverages	6 months	Nestle's	5/24/04	
Ketchup	Condiments	18 months	N/A	6/1/97	

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<u>Kraft Meals (Lunchbreaks)</u>	Entrees	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Lamb (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Lemon Juice (frozen concentrate)	Beverages	18 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Lentils, dried	Legumes	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Liquid Marinade and Stir Fry, Lawry	Baking Ingredients	1 year	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Lawry's only, 3 month extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Liver, tongue, chitterlings (Variety meats) (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Lobster tails	Seafood	3 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Lunch Meats (sealed in package) (Frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Lunchables (Oscar Mayer)	Meats	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Lunchables containing can drinks cannot be frozen
Luncheon meat (canned)	Meats	36 months	N/A	6/1/97	
M&M and Mars	Candy	4 weeks	M&M and Mars	3/1/03	M&M and Mars only
Mac n' cheese & Liquid Dinners Kraft Dinners	Entrees	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Macaroni/Spaghetti	Breads & Cereal	36 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Margarine	Dairy	5 months	N/A	12/23/03	12 months frozen
Marshmallows	Desserts	4 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Mayo, Miracle Whip, Sauceworks Kraft	Condiments	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Mayonnaise	Condiments	3 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Mayonnaise Hellmann's	Condiments	3 months	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Hellmann's only, 3 month extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Meat (canned)	Meats	2-5 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Meats (sandwich & deli type) Oscar Meyer, Louis Rich	Meats	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Milk half & half	Dairy	0 days	Land O'Lakes	3/1/03	Land O'Lakes only
Milk, canned evaporated	Dairy	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Minute Rice (Kraft)	Sides	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Minute Rice Kraft	Desserts	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only

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Molasses	Baking Ingredients	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Mushrooms, dried	Vegetables	6 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Mustard	Condiments	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Nuts, jars or cans	snacks	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Oats Rolled	Breads & Cereal	12 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Olive Oil Bertelli	Baking Ingredients	60 days	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Bertelli Olive Oil only, no extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Olives, black & green	Condiments	18 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Orange Juice (canned)	Beverages	24 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Oysters (frozen)	Seafood	6 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Pancakes/waffles (frozen)	Entrees	2 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Pasta & Sauce (DiGiorno)	Entrees	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft must be frozen to apply 60 day extension
Pasta (canned)	Vegetables	5 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Pasta- dry packaged	Entrees	2 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Pasta Salads Kraft	Entrees	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Pasta Sauce Bertelli & Ragu	Sauces	60 days	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Ragu and Bertelli Pasta Sauces only, extension 60 days past the printed use by date - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Peaches (canned)	Fruit	24 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Peanut Butter	Condiments	18 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Peanut Butter Skippy, in plastic containers	Condiments	18 months	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Skippy only, 5 month extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Peanut Butter Stix Skippy	Condiments	18 months	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Skippy only, 3 month extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Peanuts (shelled)	Legumes	24 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Pears (canned)	Fruit	18 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Peas (canned)	Legumes	36 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Peas (canned)	Vegetables	5 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Peas (frozen)	Legumes	indefinitely	N/A	6/1/97	Until product appears bad
Peas-Blackeyed (canned)	Legumes	36 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Peas-canned & split dry	Legumes	12 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Phillie snack bars	Dairy	30 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only

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Pickles (Claussen)	Condiments	30 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Pickles, Sauerbraut-canned	Condiments	18 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Pie Crust Keebler	Snacks	4 months	Keebler	3/7/03	Keebler only
Pie crusts & cones Keebler	Snacks	4 months	Keebler	3/7/03	Keebler only
Pineapple (canned)	Fruit	24 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Pineapple Juice (canned)	Beverages	24 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Pizza (Tombstone, DiGiorno, Jack's & California Kitchen)	Pizza	30 days (labeled 90 days unlabeled)	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Plums (canned)	Fruit	18 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Popcorn (dry in jar)	snacks	2 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Popcorn (microwave)	snacks	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Pork (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Pork (canned)	Meats	36 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Potato chips	snacks	2 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Potatoes (canned)	Vegetables	5 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Potatoes (dehydrated can)	Vegetables	12 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Potatoes (dehydrated package)	Vegetables	6 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Potatoes (frozen)	Vegetables	indefinitely	N/A	6/1/97	Until product appears bad
Potatoes, instant	Vegetables	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Poultry- cooked (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
YooHoo drinks	Beverages	see comments			Product doesn't come with sell-by date because yoo-hoo website states that product does not go bad (airtight containers).
Prunes (dried)	Fruit	9 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Pudding (Kraft)	Desserts	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Pudding mixes	Desserts	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Pudding/Gelatin (Handi Snack Desserts) Kraft	Desserts	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Raisins	Fruit	9 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Refried Beans (Kraft)	Sides	120 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Refrigerated Drinks-Assorted (glass) Ocean Spray	Beverages	90 days	Ocean Spray	3/1/03	Ocean Spray only

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Refrigerated Drinks- Citrus (plastic bottles) Ocean Spray	Beverages	30 days	Ocean Spray	3/1/03	Ocean Spray only
Refrigerated juices (Tropicana)	Beverages	7 days	Tropicana	3/16/04	Tropicana only
Refrigerated Non-citrus drinks- Assorted (plastic & can) Ocean Spray	Beverages	60 days	Ocean Spray	3/1/03	Ocean Spray only
Rice, brown	Sides	1 year	N/A	12/23/03	
Rice, flavored or herb	Sides	6 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Rice, white or wild	Sides	2 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Rotisserie chicken (frozen)	Meats	4 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Salad dressings (bottled)	Condiments	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Salad dressings (bottled) Wish-Bone	Condiments	12 months	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Wish-Bone only, - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Salmon Pink (canned)	Meats	36 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Salsa	Condiments	24 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Salsa, picante, taco sauces	Condiments	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Sauces (Bull's Eye, BBQ) Kraft	Condiments	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Sauces (cream with milk)	Baking Ingredients	1 year	N/A	12/23/03	
Sauces, Hellmann's	Sauces	12 months	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Hellmann's only, 3 month extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Sausage- patties & smoked links (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Sausage- raw (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Sausages (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Scallops (frozen)	Seafood	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Seasonings, dry Adolph's	Baking Ingredients	2 years	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Adolph's only, 6 month extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Seasonings, liquid Adolph's	Baking Ingredients	1 year	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Adolph's only, 3 month extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3

Product	Product Type	Extension period	Vendor	Effective Date	Remarks
Shortening	Baking Ingredients	8 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Shrimp	Seafood	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Side dishes/deli salads Country Crock	Sides	60 days	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Country Crock only, no extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
<u>Slim-Fast - all products</u>	various	various	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Slim-Fast, 2 month extension on all products - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Snack Bars Skippy	Snacks	6 months	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Skippy only, 2 month extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Soda- carbonated canned	Beverages	9 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Soup - aseptic-pack Knorr	Soups	12 months	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Knorr's only, 6 month extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Soup mixes	Soups	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Soups (canned)	Soups	5 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Soups (Del Monte private label soups)	Soups	12 months*	Del Monte	4/14/04	*Good for 3 yrs from manufacturer date (whichever is longer)
Soups and Liquid broths Knorr only	Soups	5 years	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Knorr's only, 3 month extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Soups dry mix Lipton	Soups	12 months	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Lipton only, 6 month extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Soy milk	Dairy	12 months		7/29/05	
Spaghetti sauce mix	Sauces	2 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Spices	Baking Ingredients	3 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Spices red pepper, chili powder	Baking Ingredients	2 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Spinach (canned)	Vegetables	5 years	N/A	12/23/03	

Product	Product Type	Extension period	Vendor	Effective Date	Remarks
Spreads, Refrigerated Promise	Dairy	60 days	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Promise only, 2 month extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Squeeze-It Skippy	Condiments	18 months	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Skippy only, 2 month extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Steaks & Roasts (frozen)	Meats	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Stew (canned)	Meats	2-5 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Stove Top Classics	Entrees	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Stove Top Stuffing	Sides	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Sugar substitutes	Baking Ingredients	2 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Sugar, brown	Baking Ingredients	4 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Sugar, granulated	Baking Ingredients	2 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Sure-Jell	Desserts	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Sweet potatoes (canned)	Vegetables	24 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Syrup- Maple	Condiments	12 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Taco Bell Kits, shells, tortillas Kraft	Entrees	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Taco Bell red sauces, salsa con queso, seasonings Kraft	Baking Ingredients	120 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Taco sauce mix	Baking Ingredients	2 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Tang drink & Health Quenchers Kraft	Beverages	18 days (dry mix) 60 days (bottles or pouches)	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Tapioca (Kraft)	Desserts	60 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft products only
Tea Instant	Beverages	3 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Tea Instant mixes Lipton	Beverages	3 years	Unilever Bestfoods	1/19/06	Lipton only, 6 month extension - Network Connection - Volume 2, Issue 3
Toaster pastries (fruit filled)	Desserts	6 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Tomato paste	Vegetables	24 months	N/A	6/1/97	

Product	Product Type	Extension period	Vendor	Effective Date	Remarks
Tomatoes (canned)	Vegetables	24 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Turkey ground (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	6/1/97	
Turkey Roasts (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	6/1/97	Until product appears bad
Turkey Whole (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	6/1/97	Until product appears bad
Turkey-parts (frozen)	Meats	indefinitely	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
TV dinners	Entrees	3 months	N/A	12/23/03	Until product appears bad
Vanilla, lemon, all extracts	Baking Ingredients	3 years	N/A	12/23/03	
Wheat Quick Rolled	Breads & Cereal	12 months	N/A	6/1/97	
Whipped topping	Desserts	6 months	N/A	12/23/03	
Worcestershire sauce	Condiments	1 year	N/A	12/23/03	
Yogurt & Yoplait General Mills	Dairy	None	General Mills	4/13/04	Do not freeze
Yogurt, Sour Cream, Cottage Cheese, Dips- Sour cream based Kraft	Dairy	15 days	Kraft	3/1/03	Kraft (Breyers, Cool-Whip, Jello, Knudsen, Light n' Lively, Breakstone)



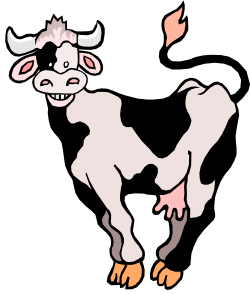
STORING CHICKEN

If properly packaged, these recommended storage times will keep chicken at top quality.

<i>Fresh Raw Chicken</i>		
Part of Chicken	Refrigerator (40°F)	Freezer (0°F)
Whole chicken	1-2 days	1 year
Chicken parts	1-2 days	9 months
Giblets	1-2 days	3-4 months
Ground chicken	1-2 days	3-4 months
<i>Cooked Chicken Leftovers</i>		
<i>Type of Chicken</i>	Refrigerator (40°F)	Freezer (0°F)
Fried chicken	3-4 days	4 months
Whole roasted chicken	3-4 days	4 months
Cooked chicken dishes	3-4 days	4-6 months
Chicken parts (plain)	3-4 days	4 months
Parts with gravy, broth	1-2 days	6 months
Chicken nuggets, patties	1-2 days	1-3 months

NOTE

***Commercially frozen chicken will maintain top quality
in home freezer for up to 1 year.***



STORING & DEFROSTING BEEF

Freezer Storage & Defrosting Beef Timetables
Recommended storage time for maximum quality

<i>Beef in Freezer Wrapping</i>	
Types of Beef	Freezer (0°F or Colder)
Steaks, Roast	6-12 months
Ground Beef	3-4 months
Leftover Cooked Beef	2-3 months
<i>Defrosting Timetable</i>	
Type of Beef	In Refrigerator (36-40°F)
Large Roast	4-7 hours per pound
Small Roast	3-5 hours per pound
1-inch Thick Steak	12-14 hours total



DON'T REFRIGERATE YOUR TOMATOES!!



Most fresh tomatoes sold in supermarkets are firm, not yet ripe. This is because soft, ripe fruit is easily bruised, even under today's highly-controlled shipping conditions. But the fruit will ripen properly and develop good flavor and aroma if kept at room temperature, between 55° F and 70° F.

Select tomatoes at various degrees of ripeness and keep them at room temperature. Use the ripest fruit first, just as you do with bananas and avocados. Never refrigerate a tomato that is not fully red or ripe! Cold temperatures destroy flavor and stop the ripening process. Once fully ripe, a tomato can be refrigerated, but only for a few days; any longer results in flavor deterioration.

Test for Ripeness!

To enjoy fresh tomatoes at their peak of flavor, use when fully ripe. Ripe tomatoes should be completely red or reddish-orange, depending on variety. They will have a sweet, subtle aroma and will give slightly to gentle palm pressure.

To hasten ripening, place fresh tomatoes in a brown paper bag or in a fruit ripening bowl. As the fruit ripens, it emits a natural gas--ethylene. This gas speeds up the ripening process when confined around the fruit in a closed bag or fruit ripening bowl.

This same ethylene gas can also be commercially applied to fresh tomatoes and other fresh fruits. This external application initiates the natural ripening process in such fruits as tomatoes, apples, bananas, and citrus. Numerous studies show that externally applied ethylene does not change flavor or nutritional potential.

For best flavor, remember... do not refrigerate your fresh Tomatoes.

Here's How Long You Can Keep These Foods.....



- Shelf Life Varies, mainly according to product ingredients.
- Shelf-life refers to the amount of time a product can be stored before its quality begins to diminish.
- Most non-dairy processed foods do not become unsafe after that time, but they might not taste their best.
- Most non-dairy processed foods have a shelf life of three months to two years, but the shelf life depends greatly on handling and storage conditions

The following are conservative estimates:

<i>Food Item</i>	<i>Shelf Life Beyond Expiration Dates</i>
Brownie Mix	9 months
Dried Beans	12 months
Ketchup	12 months
Canned Foods	12 months
Packaged Cookies	2 months
Chocolate	12 months
Crackers	8 months
Flour	6-8 months
Canned Frosting	3 months
Ready-to-eat Cereal	6-12 months
Gelatin	18 months
Frozen TV Dinner	3 months
Frozen Vegetables	8 months
Ice Cream	2-4 months
Jellies	12 months
Bottled Juices	9 months
Margarine	4-6 months
Mayonnaise	2-3 months
Salted Nuts	6-8 months
Dried Pasta	2 years
Peanut Butter	6-9 months
Popcorn, Unpopped	2 years
Pudding Mixes	12 months
Rice	2 years
Rice Mixes	6 months
Salad Dressing	6-12 months
Sauces & Gravy Mixes	6-12 months
Soup Mixes	12 months
Sugar	2 years



HOW TO KNOW WHEN FOOD IS SPOILED

People often wonder when a food is unfit for human consumption. Many times, it is food, which has been refrigerated for an undetermined amount of time and may be unsafe to eat.

Here are some common characteristics of spoiled foods:



FISH

- ☒ Off odor
- ☒ Gray or greenish gills
- ☒ Sunken eyes
- ☒ Flesh easily pulled away from bones
- ☒ Mark of fingernail indentation remains in flesh
- ☒ Not rigid



RED MEAT

- ☒ Off odor
- ☒ Slimy to touch
- ☒ Beef usually spoils first on the surface; pork spoils first at meeting point of bone and flesh in the inner portions.



DRESSED POULTRY

- ☒ Off odor
- ☒ Slimy to touch
- ☒ Stickiness under wing, at the point where legs and body join, and on the upper surface of the tail.
- ☒ Darkening of wing tip.



FRUITS & VEGETABLES

- ☒ Obvious mold or rotten spot.



SALADS

- ☒ Off odor
- ☒ Chicken, tuna and other fish salads, no acid potato salad, all types of cold cuts must be kept refrigerated at all times.



CANNED FOODS

- ☒ Swelled top & bottom of can
- ☒ Signs of seepage
- ☒ Dents along side seams
- ☒ Foam
- ☒ Off odor
- ☒ Milkiness in juice
- ☒ Home canned food such as canned vegetables, meats, fish & poultry should be cooked thoroughly before eating, but when any of the above OBVIOUS defects occur, THROW THE CANNED FOOD AWAY properly, out of the reach of children & animals.



CEREAL

- ☒ Insects in cereal.



FROZEN FOODS

- ☒ Frozen Foods will spoil if kept out of the refrigerator for any great length of time.



LEFTOVER FOOD

- ☒ Discoloration
- ☒ Off color
- ☒ Any food that has not been refrigerated below 45 degrees F may be considered slightly spoiled; the off-odor of spoiled food is not always apparent; don't keep cooked food after 36 hours unless it is cooked again.
- ☒ Bacterial spoilage of food begins as soon as it becomes warm; refrigeration will delay this spoilage.

CAUTION ~~ CAUTION ~~ CAUTION ~~ CAUTION ~~ CAUTION ~~ CAUTION ~~

It is not always possible to identify spoiled food by taste or appearance. Many foods taste and appear to be safe and wholesome. Therefore, it is wise to observe the necessary precautions in handling, storing and using foods, particularly during the summer months.



**THIS JUST IN.....
A VERY IMPORTANT
FOOD SAFETY TIP!!!**

In areas where food items are stored, there is always an increased probability of rats and mice. The can or box in which food is stored may protect the product inside from rat or mouse droppings or urine, but may not protect the person handling these containers or eating/drinking from them.

A study by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta discovered that the dust from dried rodent droppings contains a harmful virus that can be ingested if a person is not careful.



Obviously, protecting your storage areas from rats and mice is a high priority. In addition, to be on the safe side, it is always good to remember and follow these safety tips.

Most of us remember to wash vegetables & fruits but never think of boxes & cans.

- Make sure that you wash the tops of any canned sodas or goods thoroughly with running water and soap, if not available drink with a straw.
- Always be careful to wipe off pasta packaging, cereal boxes and other boxed goods.

HOW SAFE IS YOUR FOOD? TEST YOURSELF

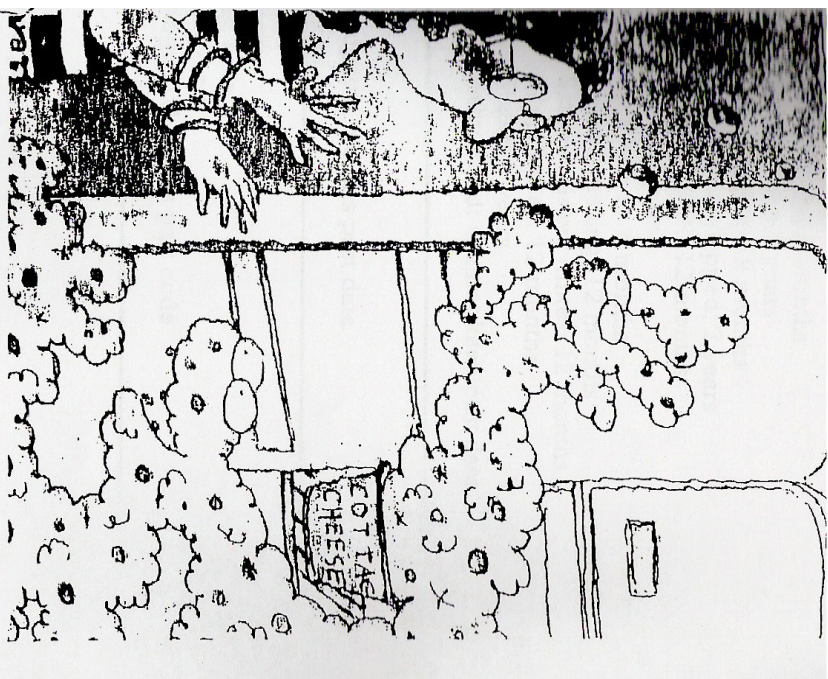
Don't let summer heat spoil your fun – or your food. Take the following quiz to see if you know when to shoo guests from the congealed coleslaw. (Answers below)

- 1) If the power goes out or the fridge fails, which of these is safe to keep?
 - a) Butter
 - b) Hard Cheeses
 - c) Jam
 - d) Mayonnaise
 - e) All of the above
- 2) Food poisoning from sliced fruit is a worry.

True
False
- 3) At a picnic, your potato salad and cold cuts are safe to eat up to
 - a) One hour
 - b) Two hours
 - c) Three hours
 - d) All day
- 4) After marinating meat, it's okay to use some of the marinade as a sauce.

True
False
- 5) Most food poisonings occur when cooked food cools.

True
False



Answers

1. **E** – If they smell fine, they are. Kept cool, these staples can last days.
2. **False** – While fruit left out is generally safe, people have gotten sick from melons – they are less acidic. Play it safe: Serve slices over ice.
3. **A** – Never leave a meal in the heat for more than an hour – and include the time it was in the car.
4. **False** – If raw meat has been soaking in it the marinade is suspect. Set aside some of the sauce before you begin, and apply it with a clean brush when the meat is done.
5. **True** – A dish must go from the oven to the dinner table to the fridge in under four hours. Otherwise, bacteria will have a chance to thrive in the danger zone – temperatures between 41° and 140°.



HOW LONG CAN YOU USE FOOD AFTER ITS EXPIRATION DATE?

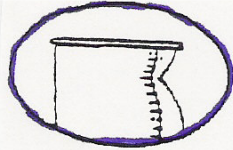
<i>Company</i>	<i>Food Item</i>	<i>Shelf Life Beyond Expiration Dates</i>
Kellogg		
	Cereal	Discard 90 days past date
	Dry (pop tarts, nutrigrain bars, etc.)	Use up to 4 months past date
Kraft		
	Dry	Up to 60 days past code
	Refrigerated	30 days past code
	DiGiorno Pizza	Firm date unless frozen
	Cultured products (sour cream, yogurt)	15 days past code
Land O'Lakes		
	Dips, sour cream	60 days past code
	Aseptic cheese sauces	Up to 1 yr. past code
	Natural & processed cheese	45 days past code
	Butter & Margarine	Up to 60 days past code
M & M/Mars		
	All products	Use within 4 weeks of receipt
Nabisco		
	Fleischmann, Blue Bonnet, Parkay	30 days past code
	Egg Beaters	Firm code date
Ocean Spray		
	Sauces & Foods	90 days past code
	Juices with citrus, guava, light-style & lo-cal on label	30 days past code

GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING CANNED FOOD CONTAINERS

Discard cans with:

Severe dents on side seam.

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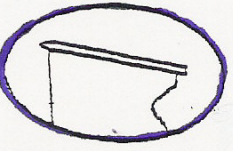
Sharp dents parallel to rim.

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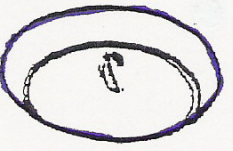
Sharp dents in the side that prevent stacking.

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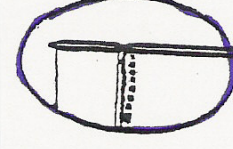
Buckled or pinched tops & bottoms.

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Side seam incomplete "blown out" or miswelded.

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Dirt under pull tab.

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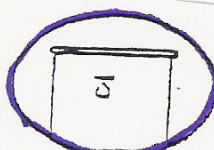
Pits or pinholes.

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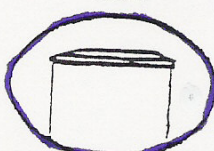
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Leaks.



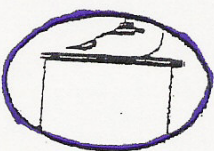
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Bulges or puffed ends.



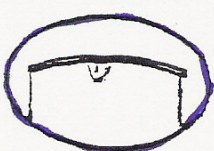
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Ends that give or pop & bulge on the other end when pushed.



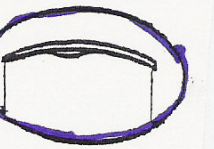
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Severe dents on the rim, seams or bent rims.



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Cuts or misformed rims & loose tops.



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No label.



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Rust that won't rub off.



IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!!!!



THE DATING GAME

It's breakfast time, and you're craving a cheese omelet. Your carton of eggs says, "EXP FEB 12"; the cheddar says, "use by Feb. 23"; the milk says, "Sell by March 1." It's March 4. Can you safely scramble, or should you switch to cereal, which is telling you, "Best if used by 3-5"? If you're unsure, you're not alone. The boxes, cans, and cartons in our kitchens are trying to tell us something, but we may not be getting the message.

Except for poultry, infant formula, and some baby food, product dating is not required by the federal government, but more than 20 states mandate dating of some foods. When dates applied, generally by the manufacturer and occasionally by the store, they're stated in a variety of ways: You might see Nov. 25, 11-25 or 1125. The terms used are somewhat flexible, too, since there's no standard. Here, words to the wise about the words on foods:

- **"Use by," "best if used by," or "quality assurance" date:** The last date the product is likely to be at peak flavor or quality. One of these dates is often placed on foods such as cereal, which may decline in flavor and quality. It doesn't mean the food is unsafe after that date.
- **"Sell by" or "pull":** An indication, to the retailer, of the last day on which a product should be sold. It takes into account time for the food to be stored and used at home. You should buy it before the date, but don't have to use it by then. You should be able to use milk, say, for up to about seven days after the sell-by date.
- **Pack or package date:** The date the food – fresh meat, for example – was packed or processed. Consumers can tell which package is fresher and choose that one. A pack date isn't an indication of safety.
- **"Expiration":** For most foods, this indicates the last date on which they should be eaten or used. Eggs are an exception: If you buy federally graded eggs before the expiration date (which must be no more than 30 days from when they were put in the carton), you should be able to use them safely for the next 3 to 5 weeks.
- **"Born on":** Initiated by Anheuser-Busch, it's supposed to let buyers choose the freshest beer. According to the company, its beer is freshest and taste best with 110 days from the born-on date.
- **Coded date:** A series of letters or numbers or both used to track foods across state lines and, if necessary, recall them. The code isn't meant as a use-by date.
- **Other words to the wise:** As a rule, high-acid canned foods such as tomatoes can be stored on the shelf for 12 to 18 months; properly stored low-acid canned foods such as meat, fish, and most vegetables will keep 2 to 5 years. Don't use a can that's bulging. If perishable food are packaged and frozen properly, they will be safe to eat after the expiration date, although the food may suffer freezer burn if its stored for a long time. And if a food bears a date without words? Unfortunately, you'll have to guess what it means.