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WHAT IS YOSHON?

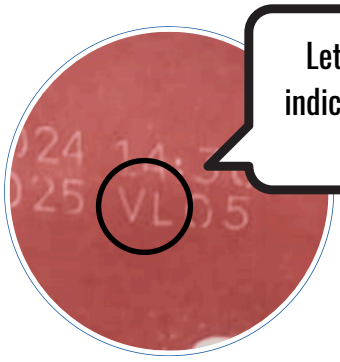
The Torah in Vayikra 23:14 forbids using the new crop of grain known as Chadash before the second day of Pesach. Until this date only the past season's produce may be used. Yoshon literally means "old" and refers to the previous season's grains. This restriction applies to 5 types of grain (wheat, barley, oats, rye and spelt). There is a dispute between the Halachic authorities whether this also applies outside of Israel, and even in Israel, whether it applies to the crops of non-Jewish farmers. Many Halachic authorities rule that these restrictions do not apply outside of Israel, and consequently Kosher SA does not require our food services and manufacturers to adhere to these stringencies.



For those who wish to follow the more stringent opinion, we compile an ongoing list which will assist in making observance of this mitzvah easier. The only way to avoid using any Chadash products containing these grains is by stockpiling enough of these products to last until the coming Pesach. However, before Pesach arrives infestation may occur. Therefore, if you want to keep Yoshon, make sure to store flour etc. in the freezer and other products in a cool, dry place. Also check carefully for infestation before use.

Initially wheat flour, pasta, wheat grains, and cereals containing wheat are affected. Barley and oats become affected only later in the season. During the season usually from October – April in the Southern Hemisphere, we issue regular bulletins as new information becomes available.

REFERENCE GUIDE - HOW TO READ THE CODES ON THE PRODUCTS



Letters in the alphanumeric code indicate the location of the factory where it was produced

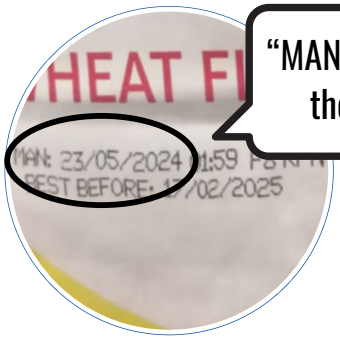
With code PMB
With code RFN
With code WC
If the 2nd last digit of the 1st line is B
If the 2nd last digit of the 1st line is D
If the 2nd last digit of the 1st line are KR, M, PE
With the letters "CTA" or "CTB"
With the letters "DBN"
With the letters "VL"



When your product isn't listed, use this production date

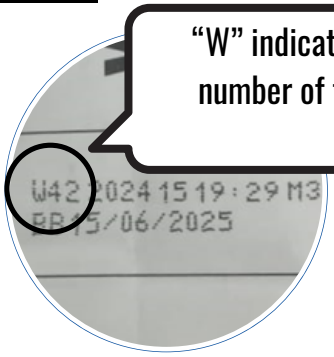
ALL OTHER PRODUCTS NOT LISTED ABOVE THAT CONTAIN WHEAT, USE THE FOLLOWING DATE:
E.G. WHOLE-WHEAT GRAINS, BRAN OR ANY OTHER BRANDS OF FLOUR

SAMPLE CODES



"MAN" OR "PD" indicates the date of production

14 Nov 2023
27 Oct 2023
15 Nov 2023



"W" indicates which week number of the year it was produced

Anything other than W08-WI6
W17-W44
W17-W50
10 Oct 2023
Still Yoshon
16 Nov 2023

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1. FOOD SERVICES

Please note that certain food services might change status unexpectedly – please look out for an update and/or a notice to this effect at the premises.

FOOD SERVICES

BAGELZONE	CATERING BY RIVA	FRIEND'S BAKERY	LOVE KNEADED	PNP GENESIS	SHOSHANA'S BAKERY
BEIT YOSEF	CORNER CAFE	G & T	MICHELOS	PNP GALLO MANOR	SHULA'S BAKERY
BURGER & BREW	DEE JAYS	GENESIS BISTRO	ORITS BAKERY	PNP KILLARNEY	TABLE & THE MAX
BURGER PARK	FOOD BY FLAVOURS	JENNNY DINER	PHAT LARRYS	RTG	TAKE THE CAKE
CAROLE'S PITIKAS	FRANGELICAS	LOVE KNEADED	PNP NORWOOD	SECOND HELPINGS	THE SWEET SPOT
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2. RETAIL PRODUCTS

The following products are Yoshon when bearing production or manufacturing dates not later than:

CATEGORIES	BRAND	PRODUCT NAME OR DESCRIPTION	FACTORY CODE OR ADDITIONAL INFO	LAST YOSHON DATES/CODES
BARLEY	ALL KOSHER BRANDS	BARLEY		STILL YOSHON
CEREALS	ALL KOSHER BRANDS	ALL CEREALS		STILL YOSHON
CONES	HERMES	ALL CONES		STILL YOSHON
FLOUR OR PREMIXES	EUREKA	FLOUR & PREMIXES		STILL YOSHON
	GOLDEN CLOUD	FLOUR & PREMIXES?	WITH CODE PMB	STILL YOSHON
			WITH CODE WC	9 NOV 2026
	INA PAARMAN	PREMIXES		31 OCT 2026
	PICK N PAY	FLOUR		17 OCT 2026
	SASKO WOOLWORTHS	FLOUR AND PREMIXES	2ND LAST DIGIT OF THE 1ST LINE IS M	W2-W42
			2ND LAST DIGIT OF THE 1ST LINE IS B,D,PE	STILL YOSHON
	SNOWFLAKE	FLOUR & PREMIXES		STILL YOSHON
	SUPREME	FLOUR		4 NOV 2026
OATS	ALL KOSHER BRANDS	OATS		STILL YOSHON
BREADS	SUNBAKE	ALL VARIETIES		5 NOV 2026
PASTA PRODUCTS	ALL KOSHER BRANDS	PASTA		STILL YOSHON
PHYLLO PASTRY	ALL KOSHER BRANDS	PHYLLO PASTRY		STILL YOSHON
OTHER BAKED GOODS	ANAT	PITA, WRAPS, CHIPS, PUFFS	ONLY IF PRODUCED IN JOHANNESBURG	STILL YOSHON
SAUCES	PRIMO HOLDINGS / SAUCALITOS	SAUCES		STILL YOSHON
	SAUCE-A-LICIOUS	SAUCES		STILL YOSHON
VEGETARIAN PRODUCTS	FRY'S	ALL PRODUCTS		STILL YOSHON
FOR ALL OTHER PRODUCTS NOT LISTED ABOVE THAT CONTAIN WHEAT, USE THE FOLLOWING DATE:				**28 OCT 2026**

NOTE: ONE SHOULD LOOK OUT FOR PRODUCTS THAT MAY INCLUDE WHEAT LIKE GRAVY POWDERS, SAUCES, SPICE MIXES, ETC.

3. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

The following products are Yoshon when bearing production or manufacturing dates not later than:

CATEGORIES	BRAND	PRODUCT NAME OR DESCRIPTION	FACTORY CODE OR ADDITIONAL INFO	LAST YOSHON DATES/CODES
FLOUR	FINESSE	FLOUR		STILL YOSHON
	FOODCORP / RCL	FLOUR	* WITH SMALL NUMBER 308 OR LESS	STILL YOSHON *
	JUST FLOUR	FLOUR		STILL YOSHON
	SASKO	FLOUR	WITH CODE M	W2-W42
			WITH CODE KR	STILL YOSHON

4. UNAFFECTED PRODUCTS

Chodosh is not expected to affect the following products at all this year:

UNAFFECTED PRODUCTS

BEER	PRONUTRO (UNLESS CONTAINS WHEAT)	BAKING POWDER	RICE KRISPIES (ANY BRAND) (UNLESS CONTAINS WHEAT)	CORN FLAKES