Chodosh Update

According to the most recent report by Yosef Herman, publisher of Guide to Chodosh, as of Sunday, July 25, 2010 the harvests of the three Chodosh crops is somewhat behind usual schedule. The harvest of oats has begun. There is still no reported harvest of spring wheat or barley. Following are the current updated estimates for package PACKING dates: Oats - July 26; Wheat (not pasta) and barley - August 9; Noodles and Pasta - August 15; Freshly baked bakery products - August 9 in the Midwest, August 15 elsewhere.

Consumer Alerts

Southgate brand canned Red Beans & Rice, produced by Choice Foods of America in Nashville, TN, is made with authentic Chef Paul's Magic Seasoning Blends spices. The Magic Seasoning Blends logo appears on the Southgate label. The “i” in Magic Seasoning is dotted with a Star-K, as part of their logo. Magic Seasoning Blend is Star-K certified, however, the Southgate brand beans are NOT certified by the Star-K and are NOT kosher. Corrective action is being taken, and the Star-K symbol is being removed.

Please be advised JELL-O Strawberry Cheesecake Snacks recently produced by Kraft Foods were incorrectly labeled with an OK-D. The OK does not certify this product since it contains gelatin. If you have purchased this product and would like a refund from Kraft Foods, please call the 800 number on the package.

Please be advised that the 24-pack 20 oz. plastic bottles of SNAPPLE, produced by Snapple Beverage Corp., has been incorrectly labeled OK Pareve. Each 24-pack contains three flavors, but only Mango Madness and Kiwi Strawberry are OK kosher certified and bear the OK symbol on the label. Fruit Punch is not certified by the OK and is not kosher. Corrective action is being taken. The product may be returned to the store for a full refund.

Santorini Stuffed Vine Leaves, Boboris Foods - Some cans of Santorini Stuffed Vine Leaves bear an unauthorized OU symbol and are not certified by the OU. Corrective action is being taken.

American Roland Artichoke Hearts, American Roland Foods, New York, NY - A limited quantity of American Roland canned artichokes mistakenly bear an OU symbol. The OU does not certify this product due to concerns of bedikas toloiyim.

Harvest Fresh Sunfield brand Cut Baby Corn is 106 oz. cans (6 lbs. 10 oz.), distributed by Inteco, bear an unauthorized Star-K. Corrective action is being taken.

Aldi Grandessa Signature Chocolate Covered Fruit Bars - This OU certified product contains dairy ingredients as listed on the ingredient panel, but the Dairy designation has been inadvertently omitted. Corrective action is being taken.

Orangeburg Pecan Company is not currently certified by the AKC (Atlanta Kashruth Commission). Any recent certification letter is a forgery. Please notify the AKC office if you see this product.