

Milk and Dairy Products for Pesach

Although milk seems like a simple and innocuous product which should not pose any *chametz* concerns, there are two important reasons why it needs to be certified for Pesach. Firstly, there is a possibility that it was produced on the same equipment as products which contain *chametz*. Since milk is heated during its production, *halacha* is concerned about a transfer of taste, a *bliah*, from previously produced products on the same equipment. Secondly, the vitamins added to the milk may contain *chametz*. Although these vitamins are a very minute percentage of the milk and below the level of *bitul*, nullification, it is best (for reasons beyond the scope of this article) not to rely on *bitul l'hatchila*, to begin with, and especially for Pesach.

It is recommended to buy sufficient amounts of milk and milk products for the full 8 days of Pesach **before the holiday**, as stores may not have P-23 (meaning "Pesach 2023") on the label or container during the holiday itself. Due to the low probability of encountering the issues detailed above, it is preferable to purchase milk with Kosher for Pesach certification, but if Pesach-certified milk is not available, one may purchase regular milk **before the holiday begins**.

Other dairy products, such as cheese, half and half, and cream, not only are subject to the issues mentioned above, but they contain other ingredients that are *chametz*-sensitive. Therefore, these products require Kosher for Pesach certification.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE LISTINGS BELOW

For milk and related dairy products, nearly all cRc certified companies indicate Kosher for Pesach status by stamping P-23 alongside the "best by" or expiration date. **Any exceptions will be noted in bold below.** We have listed the brands, along with the plant numbers (in parentheses) where they are produced, of the dairy products the cRc certifies for Pesach. In the case of milk, the cRc logo on the product is not necessary; as long as the correct brand, plant number, and P-23 are present, it is kosher for Pesach.

All products from plant 17-087 will bear a "P" without the year "23".

All products from plant 29-132 will bear a "KP" without the year "23".

Milk

Best Choice (17-284)
County Market (17-284)
Essential Everyday (17-284)
Festival (55-1500)
Good and Gather (17-284, 55-1500)
Great Value (55-1500)
Happy Belly (55-1500)
Jewel (55-1500)
Kemp's Select (55-1500)
Lucerne (55-1500)
Piggly Wiggly (17-284)
Prairie Farms (17-284, 47-125)
Roundy's Select (55-1500)

Schnuck's (17-284)

Sendik's (55-1500)

Wisconsin Farms (55-1500)

Cheese

Oneg Cheese **when bearing Kosher for Pesach**

Schtark Cheese **when bearing Kosher for Pesach**

Half & Half

Kemp's Select (55-1500)
Prairie Farms (17-284)
Trader Joe's (55-1500)

Sour Cream

Daisy Brand (48-0957) – regular only -
when bearing Kosher for Passover

