

Milk and Dairy Products for Pesach 2025

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'chatchila*, 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-25 (meaning "Pesach 2025") on the label or container during the holiday itself. We have noted reasons why it is preferable to purchase milk with Kosher for Pesach certification, but if it is not available, then - due to the low probability of encountering the issues detailed above - one may purchase regular, unflavored milk **before the holiday begins**.

Other dairy products, such as cheese, half and half, and sour 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.

MILK

The cRc certifies many milk brands for Pesach. The Kosher for Pesach status is indicated by the code P-25 appearing alongside the "best by" or expiration date. **Exceptions are noted in bold below.** For the following milk products, the cRc logo does not need to appear on the product; it is certified Kosher for Pesach as long as the correct brand, plant number, and P-25 are present.

All products from plant 17-087 will bear a "P" without the year "25".

All products from plant 29-132 will bear a "KP" without the year "25".

Best Choice (17-087, 17-284)	Kemp's Select (55-1500)
County Market (17-087, 17-284)	Lucerne (55-1500)
Dairy Pure (55-1500)	Piggly Wiggly (55-1500)
Essential Everyday (17-284)	Prairie Farms (17-087, 17-284, 29-132, 47-125)
Farmer's Pride (55-1500)	Roundy's Select (55-1500)
Festival (55-1500)	Schnuck's (17-087, 17-284, 29-132)
Good and Gather (17-087, 17-284, 55-1500)	Shoppers Value (17-087)
Great Value (17-087, 55-1500)	That's Smart (17-087) Trader
Hy Vee (17-087)	Joe's (55-1500)
Jewel (55-1500)	
Kemp's (27-168)	

In the MINNEAPOLIS area, Kosher for Pesach milk will be available under Kemp's and several other brands. If the label bears plant #27-168 with the sell-by dates of 4/21/25 to 5/2/25, it is Kosher for Pesach.

CHEESE & SOUR CREAM

The following products are only certified for Pesach when bearing the cRc logo and the words Kosher for Pesach/Passover on the product.

Cheese

Oneg Cheese
Schtark Cheese

Sour Cream

Daisy Brand (48-0957) – 16 oz regular only

HALF & HALF

The following products, listed by brand name and plant number, are only certified for Pesach when bearing the cRc logo and the P-25 code.

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