

# Can Lid Codes

## **New Code as of Sep 98**

**CODE:** You'll find 2 ea 5 digit numbers on top of the can. The first number of 5 digits contains the internal code for product and batch number. The 2nd 5 digit number contains the date. The first three numbers is the day of the year. The last two digits reflect the year.

**Example:** 09899=98th day of the 99th year or 5 Apr 99.

**SHELF LIFE:** See our [storage life of foods](#) page.

## **Old Code Before Sep 98**

**Code:** There's a 5 digit number on top of the can. The first two numbers are a code for the food, the 3rd number is the year and the last two numbers are the month. Example: 47210=Oct 92; 59501=Jan 95

**SHELF LIFE:** See our [storage life of foods](#) page.

## **Bluebird Orange Juice** - canned (800)237-7805

**CODE:** Write words...

"Chain store". Under each letter, put a number...

1234567890 This deciphers the code. If the code reads ECCHO then the date = 01/12/98.

**SHELF LIFE:** 2 years

## **American Fare Canola oil (K-mart)** (800)842-7886

**CODE:** On a code of 139C8, first 3 digits are Julian date. The C is the mfg plant. Last number is the year..

**SHELF LIFE:** 1 year. If kept longer, might be okay, but check for odor

## **Bush's Baked Beans** (1-423-588-7685)

**CODE** will indicate the date the food was packed.

**Example:** 9108A (translated: September 10, 1998)

9 = month = September

10 = day = 10th

8 = year = 1998

A = plant information

**SHELF LIFE:** Product (unopened is good for 2 years from the packing date (i.e., September 10, 2001)

## **Capri Sun** (800)227-7478 Capri Sun - Juice in pouches

**CODE:** First digit is the year (8 = 1998). Next three digits is the Julian date.

**SHELF LIFE:** 18 months

**Comstock Apples in can** (800)270-2743

**CODE:** On second line, first digit is plant, middle 3 are Julian day of year. The next number is year, then 24 hour time.

**SHELF LIFE:** 2-3 years

**Del Monte** (1-800-543-3090)

**CODE** will indicate date the food was packed.

**Example:** 8200V4120 (translated: July 19, 1998)

8 = year = 1998

200 = the 200th day in 1998 = July 19

V2140 = plant information

**SHELF LIFE:** Product (unopened) is good for 2 years from packing date (i.e., July 19, 2000)

**Dole canned juice** (800)232-5942

**SHELF LIFE:** 2 - 3 years

**Fleischman's Yeast** (800)777-4959

Date is stamped. If you use it past the stamped date, you must first "PROOF" it. Proof it by bringing water to the temperature in the instructions on the back. Stir in 1 tsp of sugar and one packet of yeast. After five minutes it should begin to bubble. At the end of 10 minutes, it should have a rounded crown of foam on it. If this happens, yeast is active. (Be sure to deduct the water from your recipe)

**Freshlike** (1-920-435-5300)

**CODE** will indicate the date the food was packed.

**Example:** 7M831 (translated: August 31, 1997)

7 = year = 1997

M = plant

8 = month = August

31 = day of the month = 31

**SHELF LIFE:** Product (unopened) is good for 2 years from the packing date (i.e., August 31, 1999)

**Green Giant Vegetables** (800)998-9996

**CODE:** First letter is year, next is month, then year.

**SHELF LIFE::** Beans 2 yrs. Corn/peas 3 yrs. Mushrooms-4 yr

**Hershey** (1-800-468-1714)

**CODE** will indicate expiration date.

**Example:** 9ID (translated: September 1999)

9 = year = 1999

I = month (A-L) = September

**Joan of Arc Beans**

**CODE:** First letter is year, next is month, then year.

**SHELF LIFE::** 3 years.

**Kraft Foods - Dream Whip** [www.kraftfoods.com](http://www.kraftfoods.com)

**CODE:** First number is year, next three numbers is Julian day of year.

**SHELF LIFE::** 2 years.

**Libby Vegetables** (315)926-3225

**CODE:** 2nd digit is year, first letter is month, third digit is plant. Next 2 numbers is day of month

**SHELF LIFE::** 2 years for most. Sauerkraut 18 months

**Lipton Ragu pasta sauce in jar** (800)328-7248

**CODE:** On first line the last four numbers are the Julian day and last number is year.

**SHELF LIFE::** 2 years

**Mariani Prunes** (Sold at B.J.'s club)

**CODE:** First number is year, next three are Julian calendar.

**SHELF LIFE::** 12 months.

**Motts Apple juice & Apple Sauce in a glass jar** (800)426-4891

**CODE:** After WA, first number is year, second two are month, next two are day.

**SHELF LIFE::** One year

**Nabisco Snackwells Granola Bars** (800)622-4726

**CODE:** First number is year, next three are day.

**SHELF LIFE::** 6-8 months

**Nally Chili**

**Code:** 81898 is Aug 18, 1998

**Shelf Life:** 24 Months from date on the can.

**Nat'l Fruit Product Co. Whitehouse Apple juice** (800)551-5167

**CODE:** First letter is plant, Next number is year, Next letter is product, Next 2 are day, then shift.

**SHELF LIFE:** 2 years

**Nestle Carnation or Contadina Products** First letter is year, next is month, then year.

**Nestle Juicy Juice** (800)637-8532

**CODE:** First number is the year, next three are Julian calendar day

**SHELF LIFE:** 14 mo for most. Strawberry - 8 months

**Nestle Libby Nectar juice in a can** (800)637-8532

**CODE:** First number is the year, next three are Julian calendar day.

**SHELF LIFE:** Apricot - 24 mo. Peach - 24 mo. Pear - 24 mo. Strawberry - 6 mo. Papaya - 12 mo.

**Peter Pan Peanut Butter** (1-800-222-7370)

**CODE** will indicate the date the food was packed.

**Example:** D87F2 (translated: July 1998)

D = plant

8 = year = 1998

7 = month = July

F2 = plant information

**SHELF LIFE:** Product (unopened) is good for 1 year from the packing date (i.e., July 1999)

**Planters Peanuts** (1-800-622-4726)

**CODE** will indicate expiration date.

**Example:** 0209A4 (translated: July 27, 2000)

0 = year = 2000

209 = 209th day of 2000 = July 27

A4 = plant information

**Princella** (1-800-234-ALLEN)

**Code** will indicate the date the food was packed.

**Example:** 82003 (translated: July 19, 1998)

8 = year = 1998

200 = 200th day of 1998 = July 19

3 = the shift the food was packed

**SHELF LIFE:** Product (unopened) is good 2 years from the packing date (i.e., July 19, 2000)

**Proctor & Gamble Criso & Butter flavor Crisco** (800)543-7276

**CODE:** Code on both: First number is year. Next three are Julian calendar.

**SHELF LIFE::** Reg Crisco in can has indefinite shelf life. Should be used within 12 months of opening.

\*\*Butter flavor has a shelf life of 18 months, to be used within 6-12 months of opening.

**Progresso Black Beans** (800)200-9377

**CODE:** First letter is month, Next number is year, next letter is mfg plant, next two numbers, day of month. L7N26 = 12/26/97

**SHELF LIFE::** 2 years

**Progresso Soups** (800)200-9377

**CODE:** First letter is month, Next number is year, next letter is mfg plant, next two numbers, day of month. L7N26 = 12/26/97

**SHELF LIFE::** 3 years

**Publix Cereal, boxed.** Date printed on box is "pull date"

**SHELF LIFE::** 12-18 months

**Publix Coffee, instant** Has "best if used by" date stamped on label

**SHELF LIFE::** 1 year

**Publix Coffee, regular brick**

**CODE:** First 3 digits are Julian date, 4th is year.

**SHELF LIFE::** 1 year

**Publix Evaporated milk** (800)242-1227

**CODE:** First digit year, next 3 is Julian date

**SHELF LIFE::** 18-24 mo

**Publix Jelly/Jam/Choc Syrup** Has "best if used by" date stamped on label

**SHELF LIFE::** 1 year

**Publix Nondairy Creamer** Has "best if used by" date stamped on label

**SHELF LIFE::** 12 mo

**Publix Peanut Butter** Has "best if used by" date stamped on label

**SHELF LIFE::** 1 year

**Publix Veggies** in can (305)652-2411, ask for Annette Vaughn at X3870

**CODE:** First dig is year, 2nd is month. The mo is represented by a number from Jan to Sept. For Oct, Nov, or Dec, it is represented by a O, N, or D

**SHELF LIFE::** 2 years

### **Skippy Peanut Butter**

**CODE:** First digit is month, next two the day, letter is mfg plant, and last number is year.

**SHELF LIFE:** 2 years

### **Speas Apple Juice (1-717-677-8181)**

**CODE:**

1st line - product code

2nd line - packing information

**Example:** MKY17D (translated: November 17, 1997)

M = plant

K = month (A-L) = November

Y = fiscal year = 1997

L = 7/1/1998 to 6/30/1999

U = 7/1/1994 to 6/30/1995

C = 7/1/1995 to 6/30/1996

K = 7/1/1996 to 6/30/1997

Y = 7/1/1997 to 6/30/1998

(On July 1, 1999, the letter U will change to 7/1/1999 to 6/30/2000)

17 = calendar day = 17th

D = unknown

**SHELF LIFE:** Product (unopened) is good for 1 year from packing date (i.e., December 17, 1998)

### **Starkist Tuna (800)252-1587 [www.starkist.com](http://www.starkist.com)**

**CODE:** Last letter on second row is year, with G= 1998, F=1997, E=1996. Three numbers before that are Julian calendar day

**SHELF LIFE:** 4-6 years

### **Sweet Sue Chicken & Dumplings and Chicken Noodle (800)633-3294**

**CODE:** On 1st line - last # is year. On 2nd line - first 2 numbers are the month, next 2 numbers are day.

**SHELF LIFE:** 2 years

### **Uncle Ben's (1-800-548-6253)**

**CODE** will indicate the date the food was packed.

**Example:** 823AB (translated: June 1, 1998)

8 = year = 1998

23 = 23rd week of 1998 = week of June 1

AB = plant information

**SELF LIFE** Product (unopened) is good for 2 years from the packing date (i.e., June 1, 2000)

**Welches Grape Juice - Plastic bottle.**(800)240-6870

**CODE:** First number is year, letter is manufacturing plant, next 2 numbers are day of month, next letter is month A=Jan, B=Feb, etc.

**SHELF LIFE::** One year