

Item: **Hash brown potatoes with bacon, peppers and onions**

Document: **PCR-H-012, Hash Brown Potatoes with Bacon, Peppers and Onions, Packaged in a Flexible Pouch, Shelf Stable**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **240** Component Classification: **Primary**

Estimated Shelf Life: **36 months at 80°F**

**Item Characteristics**

Appearance: Hash brown potatoes: Discernible, loosely formed potato shreds, off-white color.  
Bacon: Reddish-brown pieces.  
Green bell pepper: Green dices.  
Onion: Off-white, minced.

Odor: Cooked hash brown potato, cooked smoked bacon and green pepper.

Flavor: Cooked hash brown potato with cooked smoked bacon and mild green bell pepper and onion.

Texture: Hash brown potatoes: Moist and tender, not mushy.  
Bacon: Firm and tender.  
Green bell pepper: Soft and tender.  
Onion: Soft and tender.

**Possible Deteriorative Changes**

Appearance: Hash brown potatoes: Darkened, grayish potato with few discernible shreds.  
Bacon: Excessively dark brown.  
Green bell pepper: Grayish off- colored.  
Onion: Darkened or discolored.

Odor: Rancid, musty, bitter, excessive smoke.

Flavor: Rancid, musty, bitter, excessive smoke.

Texture: Hash brown potatoes: Soft, mushy.  
Bacon: Excessively hard.

**Unique Examination/Test Procedures**

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Special Notes  
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