

Item: **Beef and Potatoes in Cream Gravy**

Document: **PCR-B-052, Beef and Potatoes in Cream Gravy, Packaged in a Polymeric Tray, Shelf Stable**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **210**                      Component Classification: **Primary**

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

**Item Characteristics**

Appearance:            Product: Mixture of beef crumbles and potatoes in medium thick cream gravy.  
                              Beef: Coarse, medium brown cooked beef color.  
                              Potatoes: Cooked off-white to tan cooked color, dices.  
                              Gravy: Cream to tan color, smooth, opaque.

Odor:                    Cooked beef and potatoes in a cream gravy, cooked milk.

Flavor:                 Cooked beef and potatoes in a slightly salty, mildly seasoned cream gravy.

Texture:                Beef: Slightly chewy, moist and tender, not grainy.  
                              Potatoes: Slightly soft to slightly firm.  
                              Gravy: Smooth and moderately thick.

**Possible Deteriorative Changes**

Appearance:        Product may darken in color and may oil-off.

Odor:                  Stale, scorched.

Flavor:                Product may become sour; loss of seasoning.

Texture:              Beef may toughen, sauce may become thicker or thinner (due to oiling off); potatoes may become mushy.

**Unique Examination/Test Procedures**

NA

**Special Notes**

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