

Item: **Hash browns with bacon (HBB)**

Document: **PCR-H-012, Hash Browns with Bacon, Packaged in a Flexible Pouch, Shelf Stable**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **183** Component Classification: **Primary**

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

**Item Characteristics**

Appearance: Hash brown with bacon (discernable potato shreds loosely formed with cooked bacon pieces 1/3 inch by 1/3 inch in size), diced green bell pepper, minced onion and flecks of ground black pepper.

Odor: Browned/cooked potato with cooked, smoked bacon and mild green bell pepper, onion and ground black pepper.

Flavor: Browned/cooked potato with cooked, smoked bacon and mild green bell pepper, onion and ground black pepper.

Texture: Hash browns: moderately moist and tender but not mushy. Bacon pieces: firm yet tender. Peppers and onions: slightly firm.

**Possible Deteriorative Changes**

Appearance: Darkened, grayish potato with few discernable shreds. Bacon excessively dark brown. Grayish off color green bell peppers.

Odor: Rancid, musty, bitter, strong smoke.

Flavor: Rancid, musty, bitter, strong smoke.

Texture: Soft, mushy potatoes. Excessively hard bacon.

**Unique Examination/Test Procedures**

NA

**Special Notes**

NA