GUIDANCE FOR HOUSEHOLDS ON SAFE STORAGE PRACTICES

Introduction

“Best-If-Used-By” information is no longer available on commodity fact sheets because:
• There is no agreement among “experts” regarding the best-if-used by dates of food products.
• There is no single authoritative source of information on product best-if-used by dates.
• Storage conditions significantly impact the best-if-used by dates.
• Commercial product labels on the commodity products sometimes include expiration dates or best-if-used by dates.

New Resource

The Food Distribution Division developed guidance for use by households on determining the safety of stored foods and storing products to maintain quality.

Instructions

The attached Food Quality & Safety for Households guidance should be reproduced and shared with program participants. This Notice replaces information in Notice 99-4.

ATTACHMENT