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ORGANIC DATE PIECES

(Low Moisture)

Product Specification

Organic Date Pieces, Low Moisture is prepared from clean, wholesome organic dried dates that are mechanically pitted and dried to low moisture, reduced in size to the specified granulation, inspected and packed. This product is processed, packaged and shipped. The entire process is under continuous inspection to assure excellent quality, sanitary conditions, and good manufacturing practices as described by the USDA and FDA.

ANALYTICAL	METHOD	RANGE
Particle size	Use of Reference Standard	1/4"
Moisture (%)	Moisture Analyzer	5% Maximum
Water Activity	Water Activity Meter	<0.70
Color and Appearance	Use of Reference Standard	Light Tan to Brown
Flavor	Use of Reference Standard	Typical, No Off Flavors
Aerobic Plate Count	AOAC Method 990.12	<10,000 cfu/gram
Yeast	AOAC Method 997.02	<5,000 cfu/gram
Mold	AOAC Method 997.02	<5,000 cfu/gram
Total Coliform	AOAC Method 991.14	<10 cfu/gram
E. coli	AOAC Method 991.14	Negative

Ingredients:

Organic Dried Dates

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Kosher Certificate:

Orthodox Union

Packaging:

35 pound net fill poly lined corrugated box.

Labeling / Coding:

Each container is marked with the product description, lot number, net weight and gross weight. Other customer specific information may be added upon request.

Organic Certificate:

Shelf Life:

24 months from date of manufacture when stored and handled properly.

Storage:

Recommended storage conditions are <60° F. (15.5° C). Product should be stored in original packaging until use. During summer months, it is recommended that all products be shipped and stored under refrigeration to prevent caking.