

California Pods Product Specification

This product is produced from ripe California pods which have been dried, cleaned, sorted, and homogenized.

Physicals	Scientific Name	Capsicum annum L.
Characteristics	Color	Dark to deep reddish
	Flavor/Aroma	Slightly pungent , typical of chile pepper
	Extraneous Material	Within FDA limits
	Origin	Mexico

Ingredients: Dried California Pepper

Pack Size: 25 lbs.

Raw Materials: Whole, intact red California pepper, having dark to deep reddish color and characteristic California flavor. Peppers will not be derived from genetically modified seed stock (non-GMO).

Preservative: None

Moisture: < 12 %

Pungency: 1,500 – 4,500 SHU

Defects:

Foreign Material (<i>metal*</i> , wood, fibers, paper, straw, string, plastic, etc.)	0%
Extraneous Material (<i>stems, flowers, stones, dirt, sand, feathers, insects, etc.</i>)	0%
Evidence of bacterial, viral or fungal disease	0%

* Product is passed through a properly functioning metal detector capable of detecting and rejecting 1.5 mm Stainless Steel and 1.5 mm ferrous standards.

Microbiology: Testing will be performed by an independent laboratory in accordance with U.S. FDA's Bacteriological Analytical Manual &/or Compendium of Methods for the Microbiological Examination of Foods, 4th Ed.

- Salmonella ND/25 g
- Standard Plate Count $\leq 1,000,000/g$
- Coliforms $\leq 10,000/g$
- Generic *E. coli* $\leq 10/g$
- Yeast $\leq 10/g$
- Mold $\leq 10/g$

Certifications: Product will be Kosher Certified by an approved agency.

Packaging: Food grade, corrugated case.

Labeling: Labels will contain product name; net weight; lot or tracking code; name and address of the manufacturer, packer or distributor accompanied by a qualifying phrase which states the firm's relation to the product (e.g., "manufactured for" or "distributed by"); Client's Purchase Order Number; country of origin and the Kosher logo.

Storage: This product shall be packed in containers suitable to maintain product integrity through normal shipping, storage and handling procedures. Store under cool (65°C), dry conditions. Finished products should be stored in a sealed container in a cool, dark, clean location, free of off odors, insects and rodents.

Shelf life: Up to 18 months.