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KLBD *Yoshon* Advisory Oct 2026 – April 2027

The following guide is for those who wish to avoid even *sofek Chodosh* products. For more background information on *Yoshon/Chodosh* please see the notes at the end of the document.

Please note: farmers do not record exact sowing dates; therefore, the information provided is based on discussions with agronomists and grain agencies monitoring UK and international crop cycles.

Wheat

Flour that is from 100% UK grown wheat – for example, those with a Red Tractor symbol – is generally *Yoshon* all year round.

Some flour, particularly 'strong flour' has flour from other countries such as Canada blended into it. Canadian wheat is usually sown after Pesach and is *Chodosh* for part of the year. Some flour products include an addition of malted barley which may be *Chodosh*. Unless advised otherwise, these should be avoided from October until the following *Pesach*.

In addition to the UK, northern European countries such as France, Belgium and Germany, generally also have wheat that is *Yoshon* all year round.

Summary: UK (Red Tractor) and French wheat flour is generally acceptable. From October 2026 onward, only purchase very old stocks of non-UK flour, or flour with a reliable hechsher with "Yoshon" clearly indicated on the label.

Barley

Other than its whole form, barley appears in common products such as malt, malt extract, malted beverages, beer, cereals, soups, and certain sweeteners.

Spring barley drilling had largely been completed in March on lighter soils in the East Midlands, Norfolk and Suffolk. However, on heavier and wetter land in Yorkshire and the Northeast and in Scotland drilling continued past Pesach even a little into May.

Summary: From October 2026 onward, only buy very old stocks of barley or buy barley with a reliable hechsher with "Yoshon" clearly indicated on the label.

Oats

Most English spring oats appear to be Yoshon. Major oat growers and millers reported that the favourable drilling window in late February and early March allowed early sowing, with typical English oat crops sown between 25 February and 27 March. In contrast, Scottish spring sowing was significantly later, and a proportion of the Scottish oat crop was sown after Pesach.

Summary: English oats generally fine this year. Scottish oats to be avoided.

Spelt

Almost all of spelt grown in the UK and Europe, is winter-sown and remains *Yoshon* for the whole year. There are now a couple of exceptions in the UK, these tend to be organic spelt rather than conventional.

Summary: Spelt generally fine; avoid organic spelt unless with hechsher (or investigated).

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Rye

Almost all rye grown in the UK and Europe is winter-sown and therefore Yoshon all year. Poland (and occasionally parts of the Baltics or Scandinavia) maintain limited spring-sown rye, which should be treated as a potential exception.

Summary: Rye generally fine; avoid Polish or Scandinavian rye unless investigated.

CONSUMER LIST – KLBD CERTIFIED PRODUCTS

All KLBD bakeries are fully *Yoshon* all year round.

1. Breakfast Cereals

Alpen (cereal) – *Yoshon*

Dorset Cereals Wonderfully Organic; Tasty Toasted; Luscious Berry; Gloriously Nutty; Delicious Fruit & Nut; Fruit & Nut Granola; Choc Cherry Granola - *Sofek Chodosh*

Dorset Cereals Fantastically Fruity; Cranberry & Almond; Oaty Granola; Honey Granola; Berry Granola; Nutty Granola - *Yoshon*

Freee Oats and Cereals – full range *Yoshon*

Glebe Farm Granola and Muesli – full range *Yoshon*

LIZI's High Protein Chocolate & Peanut Granola; High Protein Nuts & Seeds Granola; Low Sugar Granola; Low Sugar Maple & Pecan Granola; LIZI's HEALTH Super Muesli Cleanse, Glow, Focus & Boost - *Sofek Chodosh*

LIZI's Belgian Chocolate Granola; Gluten Free Granola; Mango & Macadamia Granola; Organic Granola; Original Granola; Treacle & Pecan Granola; Gut Health Passion Fruit & Pistachio Granola; Gut Health Treacle & Pecan Granola; Gluten Free Caramelised Almonds, Hazelnuts & Pecans; Berry Granola – *Yoshon*

Moore's Granola – *Yoshon*

Oatibix – *Yoshon*

Ready Brek – *Yoshon*

Rude Health Granola – *Yoshon*

Scrumshus Granola – *Yoshon*

The Great British Porridge Co – full range *Yoshon*

Weetabix (regular and minis) and Weetos – *Yoshon*

2. Crackers & Crispbreads

Jacob's Crackers – Pas Palter; *Yoshon*

Rakusen's – Pas Yisroel; full range *Yoshon*

Ryvita Crispbreads – Pas Yisroel; most *Yoshon* except **Fruit Crunch** – *sofek Chodosh after November*

3. Flours

Doves Farm – all flour Yoshon except Organic Barley Flour (*sofek Chodosh*)

Wessex Mill – all flour *Yoshon* except: Wessex Cobber, Wessex Malthouse, Wessex Mixed Grain, Wessex Pizza and Pasta Flour, Wessex Six Seed - *all sofek Chodosh*

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4. Oats (Raw, Rolled, Porridge Oats) Flahavan's Oats – *unable to obtain information* Glebe Farm Oats – full range *Yoshon*	**6. Beer** (*all sofek Chodosh until Pesach 5787*) Cobra Beer Estrella Galicia Beer Molson Canadian Lager Skinny IPA
5. Oat Drinks & Plant-Based Beverages Bruce Unsweetened Almond & Oat Drink – *Yoshon* Glebe Farm Oat Drinks – full range *Yoshon* Green Fields Barley Drink – *Yoshon* Lakeland Dairies Oat in a Stick – *unable to obtain information* Rude Health Oat Drinks – *Yoshon* The Bridge Bio Oat Drinks and Oat Cream – *unable to obtain information*	**7. Miscellaneous Foods** Creative Nature Bars – *Yoshon* Freee Oat Bars – *Yoshon* Lotus Biscoff – Delta Airlines – *Yoshon* Marmite (600g and 8g) – *Yoshon* Trek Bars – *sofek Chodosh* Sheese dairy-free cheese – *sofek Chodosh*

Further Reading:

What is 'Yoshon'?

The *Korban HaOmer* which was brought in the *Beis HaMikdosh* on the second day of *Pesach*, allowed the grain grown that year to be eaten. Until the *Omer* was brought, all newly grown grain remained *assur*. Today, new grain is allowed from the 17th of Nissan onward.

This grain in question was only of the *chameshes haminim* — wheat, barley, oats, spelt and rye. Any of the grains that did not take root before the *Omer* was brought are considered *Chodosh* and remain forbidden until the next year's *Omer*, after which they become *Yoshon* and fully *muttar*.

There is a long-standing *halachic* debate whether the *issur* of *Chodosh* outside *Eretz Yisroel* is *d'Oraisa* or *d'Rabbonon*. The widely accepted halachic baseline in many *kehillos* is that grain may be assumed to be *Yoshon* unless there is a clear indication that it derives from the new crop.

Nonetheless, many choose to be *machmir* to ensure that all grain ingredients are verified as *Yoshon* and refraining from products that may contain *Chodosh* until after the following *Pesach*.

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Which products are affected?

In the UK and the northern hemisphere, from *Pesach* – *Succos* each year, products containing ingredients of these grains is automatically all *Yoshon*. The problematic new spring grain is harvested after the summer and only begins to be used by some manufacturers in September and later in the year; in the case of flour, this can be as late as January. *Chodosh* in the form of retail products often may only be sold by retail outlets from October and onward.

How this applies to the UK market

- Winter crops are sown in autumn and harvested after Pesach → always Yoshon.
- Spring crops (common in Canada, Latvia, Russia, Scandinavia) that are sown in the late spring i.e. after *Pesach*, and harvested in the autumn → therefore often Chodosh until the next *Pesach*.

Some UK flour mills routinely blend some Canadian spring wheat into UK wheat for strong flour products, which may affect *Yoshon* status.

Ingredients in other products

Grain can appear in many forms beyond whole grain, flakes, or flour, including malt, dextrose, glucose, ethanol, vinegar, yeast extract, and other grain-derived ingredients.

Besides the obvious bread, cake, and biscuit-type products, this can affect savoury snacks such as seasoned nuts and popcorn, liquorice, beer, oat milk, malt vinegar and mustards, barbecue sauces, ketchup, marinades; couscous and bulgur; some baby foods and many more.