

Item: **Chicken Pesto Pasta** (CPP)

Document: **PCR-C-069, Chicken Pesto Pasta, Packaged in a Flexible Pouch, Shelf Stable**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **400** Component Classification: **Primary**

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

**Item Characteristics**

Uniform mixture of whole muscle chicken breast meat strips, gemelli pasta (a spiral shape consisting of two pasta strands twisted together), and sun-dried tomato strips in pesto sauce.

Appearance: Chicken: cooked chicken color; may be of random length.  
Pasta: cooked pasta color; approximately 1-1/2 inches in length.  
Sauce: green to olive green color; oil-based and shiny with many small flecks of finely ground basil, pine nuts or walnuts, and cheese.  
Sun-dried tomatoes: dark red to reddish brown.

Odor: Chicken: cooked chicken.  
Pasta: cooked pasta.  
Sauce: garlic, basil, cheese, and olive oil.  
Sun-dried tomatoes: slightly tart, slightly sweet caramelized tomato.

Flavor: Chicken: cooked chicken.  
Pasta: cooked pasta.  
Sauce: garlic, basil, cheese, and olive oil; not be bitter or sour.  
Sun-dried tomatoes: slightly tart, slightly sweet caramelized tomato.

Texture: Chicken: moist and tender, cooked whole muscle white meat chicken texture.  
Pasta: not mushy or pasty; slightly soft to slightly firm.  
Sauce: moderately thick and coats the pasta.  
Sun-dried tomatoes: not be mushy; soft to slightly chewy.

**Possible Deteriorative Changes**

Appearance: Chicken: darkened and dried out; Sauce: excessively dark/scorched and gummy, excess starch development; Sundried tomatoes: dark brown/scorched; Pasta: over processed and not intact.

Odor: Scorched, burnt, woody, rancid oil or rancid nut aroma, musty, old poultry, sour dairy.

Flavor: Scorched, burnt, woody, rancid oil, musty, old poultry, sour dairy, excessive green seasoning note.

Texture: Chicken: excessively dry and tough; Sauce: gummy/ goeey; Sundried tomatoes: tough, difficult to chew; Pasta: mushy/over processed.

**Unique Examination/Test Procedures**

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**Special Notes**

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