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**Description:** Sometimes known as cow peas, Black eye peas are medium to small, oval-shaped beans with a dull beige color skin and a prominent black spot.

**Ingredients:** BLACK EYE PEAS

**Allergen Information:** Black eye peas do not contain allergens.

**Country of Origin:** Peru, Madagascar, or USA

**Storage:** Store beans in a sealed package or airtight container in a cool, dry place.

**Shelf Life:** Up to 24 months under proper storage conditions; for best flavor and appearance, use beans within one year.

**Packaging:**

24-1 lb. poly bags  
12-1.7 lb. gusseted bag  
6-4 lb. poly bags in box  
10 lb. bag  
20 lb. bag in box  
25 lb. poly bag  
50 lb. polywoven bag  
1000 kg tote

**Lot Code Interpretation/Date of Packaging:**

JJJYY- where JJJ is the Julian date of the year and YY is the last 2 digits of the year.

**Kosher Status:** Kosher Pareve -Orthodox Union.

**Identified Hazards:** Metro Commodities, Inc. hereby notifies Customer, pursuant to 21 CFR 117.136, that products supplied are not processed to control microbiological pathogens and are not ready to eat or suitable for use in ready to eat applications without further processing. This notification applies to all products and will remain in effect unless notified in writing by Metro Commodities, Inc.

**Physical Characteristics:**

Moisture	18.0% Maximum
Total All Defects	4.0% Maximum
Total Damage	2.0% Maximum
Foreign Material (naturally occurring)	0.5% Maximum, including maximum 0.2% stones
Contrasting Classes	0.5% Maximum
Classes that Blend	5.0% Maximum