

Understanding Product Dating

CANNED FOODS MAY BE **SAFE TO CONSUME** LONG
AFTER THE DATE ON THEIR CONTAINERS IF
UNDAMAGED

SO WHAT DOES EACH FOOD LABEL MEAN?

"Sell-By"

this date indicates
how long the store
should display the
product for sale

"Best if Used By"

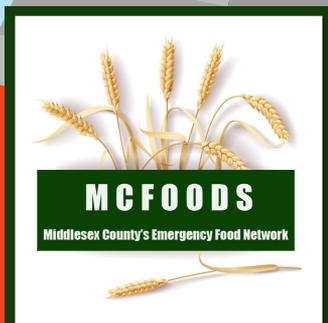
this date indicates
when a product will
be of best flavor or
quality

"Freeze-By"

this date indicates
when a product
should be frozen to
maintain peak quality

**THESE DATES DO NOT INDICATE A
PRODUCT IS UNSAFE**

***THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO SEVERELY DENTED, RUSTED, LEAKING CANS
*INFO FROM USDA, TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PRODUCT DATING AND SAFE
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