

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION · LIFEPACK MAP BAG

Zucchini

Cucurbita pepo



PRODUCT DETAILS

Product	Lifepack MA-MH (Modified Atmosphere / Modified Humidity) zucchini MAP bag. MAP maintains high humidity and prolongs senescence, thus keeping the product fresher and firmer for longer.
Produce type	Soft-rind summer squash (fruiting vegetable); harvested immature
Ethylene	Production Low · sensitivity Moderate (UC Davis Postharvest)
Suitable for	Organic & conventional zucchini (inert film — no organic certification needed)
Background	Courgette is harvested immature while the skin is soft and glossy, sometimes with the flower attached, and bruises and loses water easily. The main risks are shrivel, chilling injury and skin browning.

PERFORMANCE & BENEFITS

Shelf life – cold chain	3–4 weeks at 10–12 °C (50–54 °F)
Shelf life – ambient	5–7 days at ambient
Recommended atmosphere	O ₂ 3–5% · CO ₂ 5–10% · RH 95% General postharvest guidelines (UC Davis Postharvest; Singla et al., 2022); vary by cultivar, maturity & region.
LIFEPACK MAP BAG KEY BENEFITS	• Extended shelf life for longer storage and distribution • Reduced dehydration, weight loss and withered flower • Maintained colour • Inhibition of chilling injury and browning • Maintained freshness and firmness • Inhibition of storage mould and rots • Higher profitability due to reduced wastage

MATERIAL, FILM & COMPLIANCE

Film structure	Coextruded multilayer film — polyamide (Nylon-6, CAS 25038-54-4) and polyethylene / copolymer (CAS 9002-88-4)
Thickness / WVTR	22 microns · water vapour transmission (WVTR) 7–9 g/m ² /day
Properties	Transparent film; melting point 104–115 °C; density 0.918–0.923 g/cm ³ ; insoluble in water; stable
Food-contact compliance	FDA 21 CFR 177.1500 & 177.1520; EU 10/2011 and migration limits (EU) 1183/2012
Food safety	Manufactured under FSSC 22000 / ISO 22000 — current certificates on request

AVAILABLE SIZES

Formats Lifepack MAP bags available to fit standard 2, 5 and 10 kg cartons. Custom sizes on request.

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