



PRE-PORTIONING GUIDE FOR SHELF-STABLE LAND O LAKES® ULTIMATE WHITE, ULTIMATE CHEDDAR™, AND MUCHO QUESO™ JALAPENO CHEESE SAUCE POUCHES

STAFF – How to Portion and Store

1. Take cheese sauce pouch out of dry storage area.
2. Cut pouch so that product can be squeezed easily to portion with desired scoop size. See table below for scoop/weight guidance. Portion and serve/chill as listed below.

Note: If heating is required for faster/easier portioning heat product to 145°F using desired heating method. **Warning: Product will be hot.**

Important: Once pouch is opened, product is no longer shelf-stable. Treat opened product like refrigerated product. Maintain at 41°F or below.

3. Portion cheese sauce into microwave-safe souffle cup and attach lid.

Scoop Number	Weight
#6	5 oz
#8	3.5 oz
#10	3.2 oz
#12	3 oz
#20	1.9 oz
#24	1.5 oz

3 oz (#12 scoop) = 1 meat/meat alternate

Notes

- Temperature (hot or cold) does not impact these weights.
- Cheese sauce varieties might have slight variations in scoop size/weight.
- Operator variation/error might also impact final weights.

4. Place a sticker on each souffle cup that states, “Cheese Sauce: Refrigerate or toss within 4 hours.”
5. Serve immediately **OR** refrigerate souffle cups and any remaining product immediately.

Served Immediately (Warm Product Only)	Refrigerated Immediately to Serve Later
If shelf-stable sauce is pre-portioned and served immediately, it must be consumed within 4 hours of opening to maintain food safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If product is intended to be consumed later, it must be chilled quickly to maintain food safety. CCP: Chill from 140°F to 70°F within 2 hours and from 70°F to 41°F within an additional 4 hours • Store refrigerated until ready to serve. CCP: Maintain cold food at 41°F or below. • Pre-portioned sauce cups can be held refrigerated up to 2 days. Once sauce is handed to customer, customer should hold refrigerated and consume within 24 hours or discard after 24 hours.

IMPORTANT: Follow your local health code.

CUSTOMER - How to heat and serve

Pre-portioned cheese sauce can remain refrigerated up to 24 hours.

1. Remove cheese sauce from refrigerator.
2. Remove lid. Place in microwave. Cover loosely.
3. Microwave on high 1-2 minutes.
4. Remove cover and stir.
5. Continue heating, uncovered, for an additional 30 seconds until product reaches 165°F.
6. Let stand 1 minute prior to serving. Stir prior to serving.

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