

Purchasing and Using ClearJel®

ClearJel® is a corn starch that has been modified to give it special and unique characteristics when used in food products. It can be used for canned fruit pie fillings because it does not break down in the acid food mixtures and does not thicken enough during heat processing to interfere with the intended effect of the heat on killing bacteria during canning. It is preferred for thickening canned pie fillings as well as other foods over other corn starches because it has less or no aftertaste, the thickened juices are smooth and clear, and foods thickened with ClearJel® may be frozen.

Before assembling the other ingredients, including fresh fruits, to make the pie fillings in Extension canning recommendations, check to see if you will be able to get ClearJel®. There is no substitution for ClearJel® that can be made in these recipes. This means do not use other corn starch, flour, tapioca, or other thickener in our recipes. You also must use ClearJel® and not Instant ClearJel®, ClearJel A®, any other form of ClearJel®, or any other modified corn starch.

The marketing plans being discussed for ClearJel® at the time home-canned pie filling recipes were developed have never materialized. Unfortunately, ClearJel® is available only through a few supply outlets and is not currently available in traditional grocery stores. Some bulk food stores or cooperatives may carry it; be sure you are getting ClearJel®.

Note: There are about 3 cups in 1 pound of ClearJel®. Extension fruit pie filling recipes take about 1½ - 2¼ cups per 6-7 quarts of pie filling.

Some sources as of this time:

Sweet Celebrations/Maid of Scandinavia

P.O. Box 39426
Edina, MN 54439
1-800-328-6722
www.sweetc.com

Cost: 1 lb – \$ 4.50 Item# 83798
5 lb – \$ 20.50 Item# 538159

(Shipping and handling can cost \$4 to \$6; however, it is subject to adjustments for weight, size and destination.. Typical turn around is 2-3 days plus shipping time.)

Mail or phone order only

The Ingredient Store.com

Division of Ames Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 46
New Ringgold, PA 17960
1-570-386-2131
www.theingredientstore.com

Cost: 16 oz – \$3.08 Item# 312-16

(Normally shipped within 2-3 weeks from receipt of order.)

