

Fruit cake

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Dense fruit and nut cake, usually with spirit in it. Sugar, dried fruit and alcohol are three preservatives working at once, which is why it is a keeping cake.

How long it keeps

Unopened, this keeps **6 months** — which is what puts it on [the long shelf](#).

As sold	Unopened, in the cupboard	Once opened
as sold	6 months	12 months — refrigerated

Counted from the day you bought it. Figures are the **USDA FSIS FoodKeeper** table's, for unopened storage at room temperature; FoodKeeper counts a month as 30 days.

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