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Five factors affect cooking separate pans of dairy and meat in an oven at the same time (these are all b'di'avad cases):

- **Covered**

Is either pan (or both) covered?

- **Outside Clean and Dry**

Are both pans clean and dry on the outside?

- **Food Non-Liquid (“Solid”)**

Are the contents of one or both of them non-liquid (solid before OR after cooking OR both)? That is, one or both are non-liquid (“solid”) at:

- The beginning of the cooking,
- The end of the cooking, OR
- Both beginning and end of cooking.

- **Pans Touching**

Are the pans touching?

- **Spicy/Charif**

Are the contents spicy/charif?

### Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Baking at Same Time: Definition of Terms

- “Solid,” or “non-liquid,” means food is solid before OR after cooking--or both.
- “Covered” means pan has at least a single cover; does not need to be sealed or double wrapped.

### Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Baking at Same Time: Solid, COVERED

*L'hatchila*: Do not bake separate pans—whether uncovered or not—of dairy food and meat food in the oven at the same time.

**REASON** The food might spill over.

B'di'avad, you may cook pans of dairy food and meat food at the same time in one oven if both are:

- Not touching,
- Covered, AND
- Non-liquid; i.e., either:
  - Solid, or
  - Liquid only at the beginning or end of the cooking (but not both beginning and end).

### Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Baking at Same Time: Solid, UNCOVERED

L'hatchila, you should not bake uncovered dairy and meat foods in the same oven at the same time, even if both pans:

- Are non-liquid, AND
- Do not touch each other.

B'di'avad, both uncovered pans remain kosher—even if they touch each other, if both pans:

- Are non-liquid,
- Are clean and dry (on the outside), AND
- Do not contain spicy/charif food.

## Example

### SITUATION

- Food in both pans is solid.
- One pan is covered, one pan is uncovered.
- Both pans are clean and dry on outside.
- No spicy/charif.

STATUS They are both kosher b'dia'vad.

## Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Baking at Same Time: Liquid, UNCOVERED

SITUATION Two uncovered pans of food—one dairy, one meat—are baked at the same time in an oven. The contents of both pans are liquid (liquid before AND after cooking; even if not spicy).

STATUS They are both non-kosher, even if one pan is covered (but consult a rabbi for possible leniencies).

SITUATION Two pans—one dairy, one meat—bake at same time in same oven:

- One is covered and contains liquid (even if not spicy);
- One is not covered and contains solid food.

STATUS They are both kosher.

SITUATION Two pans—one dairy, one meat—bake at same time in same oven:

- One is covered and contains solid food.
- One is not covered and contains liquid (even if not spicy).

STATUS They are both non-kosher.

## Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Baking at Same Time: Both UNCOVERED and SPICY/Charif

SITUATION The food in two uncovered pans (one of dairy food, one of meat) baked in an oven at the same time is spicy/charif.

STATUS The food and utensils all become non-kosher, even if the:

- Pans are clean and dry,
- Pans are not touching, AND
- Food is non-liquid.

## Kashrut: Dairy/Meat: Baking at Same Time: Both UNCOVERED; One Is Spicy/Charif

**SITUATION** Two uncovered pans (one of *dairy* food, one of meat) are baked in the same oven at same time. The food in only one of them is spicy/*charif*. Even if the:

- Pans are clean and dry,
- Pans are not touching, and
- Food is non-liquid.

**STATUS** The spicy/*charif* one is *b'di'avad kosher*;

The non-spicy utensil and its contents are not *kosher*.