

SENIORS FARM

INSTITUTIONAL PILOT BRIEF

Senior Menu Integration | Dina's Jamaican Green Banana Porridge Mix

Product: Dina's Jamaican Green Banana Porridge Mix (Commercial Bulk Format)

Manufacturer: Seniors Farm Ltd. | Thunder Bay, Ontario

Operational Status: City licensed and TBDHU inspected

Clinical Research Lead: Yasmine Agyemang, Public Health and Clinical Research

1. PILOT PERFORMANCE: PIONEER RIDGE LONG TERM CARE

A controlled sensory evaluation and menu integration trial was conducted within the Nutrition and Food Services Department at Pioneer Ridge Long Term Care and Senior Services in Thunder Bay.

66.6% Overall Acceptance Rate	8 out of 12 participating residents explicitly requested to see Dina's Jamaican Green Banana Porridge added to the permanent breakfast menu rotation once per week.
80% Targeted Consumer Approval	Of the remaining 4 residents, 2 indicated a general dislike for porridge or hot cereals of any kind. This means 8 out of 10 residents who actually eat porridge approved of the product.
Kitchen Feasibility	The product successfully met institutional standards for high volume commercial preparation. It demonstrated excellent stability in kitchen steam tables without separating, thinning, or breaking down during service windows.

"When I tallied up the taste testing results, there were 8 residents out of 12 who would like to see the Green Banana Porridge on the breakfast menu once a week."

— Nutrition and Food Services, Pioneer Ridge Long Term Care

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2. CLINICAL BENEFIT: METABOLIC AND SUGAR CONTROL

Unlike mass processed hot cereals such as Cream of Wheat or standard oats, Seniors Farm designed this product to support clinical dietary flexibility and diabetic menu management within long term care environments.

Separate Sweetener Innovation

Each batch is prepared using green banana flour and traditional spices, completely unsweetened. The condensed milk sweetener is packaged separately.

Dietitian Control

This allows registered dietitians to better manage carbohydrate and glycemic limits for diabetic residents while still providing a flavorful and dignified meal.

Active Fiber Research

The product features naturally occurring dietary fiber and prebiotic resistant starch to support digestive wellness. Additional laboratory analysis is underway to map the exact integrated fiber profile for future clinical data sheets.

3. THE LOCAL SUPPLY CHAIN ADVANTAGE

Ontario Made

Seniors Farm is a Canadian led, Ontario based food manufacturer operating in Thunder Bay.

Economic Investment

Institutional food budgets stay directly in the Northern Ontario economy rather than going to large multinational food conglomerates.

Supply Chain Reliability

Local manufacturing supports immediate, reliable delivery with reduced dependence on border logistics or international shipping disruptions.

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