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APPLESAUCE

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RECOMMENDED



Musselman's Lite Apple Sauce

Much to our surprise, tasters raved over this sucralose-sweetened applesauce's "fresh," "bright," even "excellent" apple flavor and coarse, almost chunky texture, preferring it by a wide margin to all the other brands.

PRICE*

\$2.35 per 23 ounces

RECOMMENDED



Musselman's Apple Sauce, Home Style

Tasters praised this corn syrup-sweetened applesauce for having just the "right degree" of sweetness, and for a "nice, thick" texture that wasn't as slimy as the other syrup-sweetened applesauce in the lineup. Some likened it to "grade-school" applesauce.

\$2.35 for 24 ounces


RECOMMENDED



Santa Cruz Organic Apple Sauce

Tasters enjoyed the "pleasant tartness" and hints of green apple and honey in this unsweetened applesauce, but its all-natural flavor still didn't compare to the sucralose-enhanced applesauce.

\$4.49 for 23 ounces



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NOT RECOMMENDED



Mott's Organics Unsweetened Apple Sauce

This applesauce lost points for its "grainy, watery" texture and weak "flat" flavor. One taster even picked up a "soapy" note.

\$3.21
for 23
ounces

NOT RECOMMENDED



Musselman's Natural Unsweetened Apple Sauce

Tasters denounced this applesauce as thin, watery, and weak. One commented that it tasted like "cardboard with an apple-y finish."

\$3.69
for 23
ounces

NOT RECOMMENDED



Mott's Original Apple Sauce

Tasters described this applesauce, which came in second to last, as "apple candy" with "fake" flavor and "slimy" texture. It had the highest sugar level in the lineup.

\$1.99
for 24
ounces

NOT RECOMMENDED



Mott's Natural No Sugar Apple Sauce

This applesauce had a "fermented" quality that tasters found unappealing, reminding them of "overripe or bruised" apples. One said it tasted "natural" but as if made with "lower-quality" apples.

\$1.99
for 23
ounces

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