

Infant Meal Pattern

Child and Adult Care Food Program



- Infants should be fed on demand and should not be restricted to a rigid feeding schedule
- The amounts listed are the minimum serving sizes to meet meal pattern requirements
- Sponsors must offer to provide at least one reimbursable iron-fortified infant formula (IFIF)

FOOD COMPONENTS AND FOOD ITEMS		Birth through 5 months of age	6 through 11 months of age
Breakfast	Breast milk ¹ or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (IFIF) ^{1,2}	4-6 fl oz	6-8 fl oz
	Iron-Fortified Infant Cereal (IFIC) ^{2,3} or Meat, fish, poultry, whole eggs, cooked dried beans or peas ³ or Cheese, cottage cheese, or yogurt ^{3,4}		0-4 Tbsp 0-4 Tbsp 0-2 oz cheese 0-4 oz cottage cheese 0-4 oz or ½ cup yogurt or a combination of the above
	Fruit or Vegetable or a combination of both ^{3,5}		0-2 Tbsp
Snack	Breast milk ¹ or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (IFIF) ^{1,2}	4-6 fl oz	2-4 fl oz
	Sliced bread ^{3,6} or Crackers ^{3,6} or Iron-Fortified Infant Cereal (IFIC) ² or ready-to-eat breakfast cereal ^{3,6,7}		0- ½ slice 0-2 crackers 0-4 Tbsp
	Fruit or Vegetable or a combination of both ^{3,5}		0-2 Tbsp
Lunch and Supper	Breast milk ¹ or Iron-Fortified Infant Formula (IFIF) ^{1,2}	4-6 fl oz	6-8 fl oz
	Iron-Fortified Infant Cereal (IFIC) ^{2,3} or Meat, fish, poultry, whole eggs, cooked dried beans or peas ³ or Cheese, cottage cheese, or yogurt ^{3,4}		0-4 Tbsp 0-4 Tbsp 0-2 oz cheese 0-4 oz cottage cheese 0-4 oz or ½ cup yogurt or a combination of the above
	Fruit or Vegetable or a combination of both ^{3,5}		0-2 Tbsp

¹ Breastmilk or IFIF, or portions of both must be served; it is recommended that breastmilk be served in place of formula from birth through 11 months.

² Infant formula and dry infant cereal must be iron fortified.

³ A serving of this component is required when the infant is developmentally ready to accept it.

⁴ Yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces.

⁵ Fruit and vegetable juices, including 100% juices, are not allowed for infants.

⁶ Grains must be **one** of the following: enriched meal, enriched flour, **or** whole grain-rich. Beginning October 1, 2019, ounce equivalents will be used to determine the quantity of creditable grains.

⁷ Breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce.

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