



Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Adult Meal Pattern

Breakfast: Serve all 3 components for a reimbursable Breakfast¹

Food Components and Food Items	Minimum Serving Sizes
Fluid Milk ²	8 fl. oz. (1 cup)
Vegetables, Fruits, or portions of both ³	½ cup
Grains ⁴ (oz. eq.) ⁵	2 oz. eq.
Bread, Biscuit, or Roll	56 grams
Waffle, Pancake, Croissant	68 grams
Oatmeal and other cooked cereal grains ⁶	1 cup cooked
Cereal, Ready-to-Eat Flakes or Rounds ⁶	2 cups
Cereal, Ready-to-Eat Granola ⁶	½ cup
Cereal, Ready-to-eat Puffed ⁶	2 ½ cups

Snack: Select 2 of the 5 components for a reimbursable snack⁷

Food Components and Food Items	Minimum Serving Sizes
Fluid Milk ²	8 fl. oz. (1 cup)
Meat or Meat Alternate (M/MA) (oz. eq.) ⁵	1 oz. eq.
Cheese	1 oz.
Cottage Cheese	2 oz. or ¼ cup
Peanut butter or other nut/seed butters	2 Tbsp.
Yogurt (including soy yogurt) ⁸	4 oz. (½ cup)
Vegetables ³	½ cup
Fruits ³	½ cup
Grains ⁴ (oz. eq.) ⁵	1 oz. eq.
Bread, Biscuit, or Roll	28 grams
Cracker, Graham (about 5" by 2½")	28 grams/2 crackers
Crackers (various)	22 grams

Lunch or Supper: Serve all 5 components for a reimbursable Lunch or Supper⁹

Food Components and Food Items	Minimum Serving Sizes
Fluid Milk ^{2,10}	8 fl. oz. (1 cup)
Meat or Meat Alternate (M/MA) (oz. eq.) ⁵	2 oz. eq.
Lean meat, poultry, or fish	2 oz. eq.
Tofu ¹¹	4.4 oz. or ½ c
Cheese	2 oz.
Large egg	1 egg
Cooked dry beans/peas	½ cup
Peanut butter or other nut/seed butters	4 Tbsp.
Peanuts, soy nuts, tree nuts, or seeds	2 oz.
Vegetables ^{3, 12, 13}	½ cup
Fruits ³	½ cup
Grains ⁴ (oz. eq.) ⁵	2 oz. eq.
Bread, Biscuit, or Roll	56 grams
Pasta, Rice, or Grits	56 grams dry/1 cup cooked
Tortilla, Soft, Flour or Corn	56 grams

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- ¹ All three components must be served for a reimbursable breakfast. Meat and Meat Alternates (M/MA) may be used to meet the entire grains component requirement a maximum of three times a week at breakfast. One ounce equivalent of M/MA is equal to one ounce equivalent of Grains. [Offer Versus Serve](#) is an option.
- ² Fluid milk type served may be unflavored or flavored whole, reduced-fat, low-fat, or fat-free milk for adult participants. All fluid milk must be pasteurized. For adult CACFP participants, 6 ounces (weight) or $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (volume) yogurt may be used to meet the equivalent of 8 ounces fluid milk once per day when yogurt is not served as a meat alternate in the same meal. Water is recommended at meals or snacks when yogurt is substituted for milk. Refer to the ODE [CNP Meal Accommodations and Modifications page](#) for more information on Nutritionally Equivalent Milk Substitutes and Medically-Required Accommodations.
- ³ Pasteurized 100% juice may only be used to meet the vegetable or fruit requirement one time per day.
- ⁴ At least one serving of grains per day must be whole-grain rich across all meals and snacks served at each site. [Grain-based desserts](#) and refined grains do not count towards meeting the Grains component requirement.
- ⁵ Ounce equivalent serving sizes are used to determine serving sizes in the Grains and Meat/Meat Alternate components. See [CACFP Grains Ounce Equivalent Resources](#) for more information on crediting Grains. Refer to the [Food Buying Guide](#) for Meat/Meat Alternate ounce equivalent yields.
- ⁶ Breakfast cereals must be whole grain-rich, fortified, or enriched, and contain no more than 6 grams of added sugar per dry ounce (no more than 21 grams Total Sugars per 100 grams of dry cereal). Refer to the [Breakfast Cereal Sugar Limit Wallet Card](#) and the WIC Cereal List.
- ⁷ Only one of the two required components for snack may be a beverage. Offer versus serve is not an option for snack.
- ⁸ Yogurt must contain no more than 12 grams of added sugars per 6 ounces. Refer to the [Yogurt Sugar Limit Wallet Card](#).
- ⁹ All five components must be served for a reimbursable lunch and/or supper. [Offer Versus Serve](#) is an option.
- ¹⁰ Fluid milk is optional at supper only for adult participants.
- ¹¹ Tofu must contain at least 5 grams of protein for every 2.2 oz ($\frac{1}{4}$ cup) serving.
- ¹² Lunch and supper must include one Fruit and one Vegetable OR two Vegetables. When two Vegetables are served, two different kinds of vegetables must be served.
- ¹³ Leafy greens, such as lettuce or spinach, only credit for half of the volume served. $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of spinach will credit for $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of Vegetables.

Abbreviations:

Fl. oz. = Fluid Ounces (volume)
Cup, c = Measuring cup (8 fl. oz.)
Oz. eq. = Ounce Equivalent
Oz. = Ounce (weight)
Tbsp. = Tablespoon
Grams, g = Grams (weight)

Additional Resources:

[ODE CNP CACFP Meal Pattern and Menu Planning Page](#)
[Crediting Handbook for the CACFP \(USDA\)](#)
[The Food Buying Guide \(USDA\)](#)
[Nutrition Standards for CACFP Meals and Snacks \(USDA\)](#)