

CACFP INFANT MEAL PATTERNS



Ages Birth Through 5 Months

Breakfast, Snack, Lunch & Supper Meal Patterns			
Milk	4-6 fl oz	breastmilk ¹ or formula ²	

Ages 6 Months Through 11 Months

Breakfast, Lunch & Supper Meal Patterns				
Milk	6-8 fl oz	breastmilk ¹ or formula ²		
Grains or Meats/Meat Alternates	0-½ oz eq	infant cereal ^{2,3} or		
	0-4 tbsp	meat; fish; poultry; whole egg; tofu; tempeh; cooked dry beans, peas and lentils; or		
	0-2 oz	cheese or		
	0-4 oz	cottage cheese or yogurt ⁴ or soy yogurt ⁴ or		
		a combination of the above⁵		
Fruits/Vegetables	0-2 tbsp	vegetable or fruit or a combination of $both^{5,6}$		
	Snack Meal Patterns			
Milk	2-4 fl oz	breastmilk ¹ or formula ²		
Grains	0-½ oz eq	bread ^{3,7} or		
	0-¼ oz eq	crackers ^{3,7} or		
	0-½ oz eq	infant cereal ^{2,3} or		
	0-¼ oz eq	ready-to-eat breakfast cereal ^{3,5,7,8}		
Fruits/Vegetables	0-2 tbsp	vegetable or fruit or a combination of both ^{5,6}		

fl oz = fluid ounces oz eq = ounce equivalents

¹ Breastmilk or formula, or portions of both, must be served.

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

³ Information on crediting grain items may be found in FNS guidance.

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⁴ Yogurt must contain no more than 12 grams of added sugars per 6 ounces.

⁶ Fruit and vegetable juices must not be served.

⁷ A serving of grains must be whole grain-rich, enriched meal, enriched flour, bran, or germ.

⁸ Breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of added sugars per dry ounce.

Refer to USDA FNS for further crediting guidance.





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⁵ A serving of this component is required when the infant is developmentally ready to accept it.