

NON-CREDITABLE FOODS

Child and Adult Care Food Program & Summer Food Service Program

Non-creditable foods on this list are foods that do not count toward meeting the meal component requirements for the category in which they are listed. For example, the fruit in commercial yogurt does not count as the fruit component of a meal or snack. *You may serve non-creditable foods as “extra foods”.*

NOTE: There may be other non-creditable foods that are not on this list. Contact ODE if you have questions about a specific food item.

Fruit/Vegetable

- Barbeque sauce, chili sauce, catsup/ketchup
- Coconut
- Fig filling in fig bars and fruit fillings in other fruit-filled bar cookies
- Fruit in commercial yogurt products and fruit in ice cream
- Fruit beverages, “ades”, and juice drinks such as cranberry juice cocktail, lemonade, fruit flavored punch
- Fruit and vegetable breads or muffins, i.e. banana bread, zucchini bread
- Fruit roll-ups, wrinkles, or fruit flavored candy
- Hominy, posole
- Jam, jelly, fruit butter and fruit preserves
- Lemon pie filling
- Pickle relish
- Popsicles and other frozen fruit-flavored bars
- Potato Chips
- Sherbet
- Toaster pastry filling
- Snack type items, such as soy nuts, corn nuts and popcorn



Bread/Bread Alternate

- Corn chips or tortilla chips unless made with whole corn or enriched corn flour
- Hominy, posole
- Potato
- Potato chips
- Popcorn, popcorn cakes, caramel corn

Meat/Meat Alternate

- Bacon, imitation bacon products, baco-bits
- Cheese sauce, canned
- Cheese sauce, powdered mix
- Processed cheese foods labeled “Cheese Product”
- Coconut
- Commercial canned or frozen food, such as ravioli, beef/meat stew, pot pies, pizza (Unless there is a Child Nutrition label or a product analysis sheet from the manufacturer stating the amount of cooked lean meat/meal alternate in the product per serving)
- Cream cheese

Meat/Meat Alternate (continued)

- Game meats, home-slaughtered meat, and non-commercially caught fish
- Hamhocks
- Imitation cheese
- Imitation seafood such as imitation crab
- Macaroni and cheese, packaged box mix
- Meat sauce, commercial products
- Neufchatel cheese
- Peanut butter *spreads* (Peanut butter must contain 90% peanuts to be creditable)
- Pig’s feet, pig neck bones, pig tails
- Salt pork
- Soups (commercial products) other than bean, lentil or split pea
- Tofu
- Tempeh
- Vegetarian meat substitute products (Except items listed on ODE 4/16/03 Memo)
- Yogurt bars, frozen yogurt, yogurt coating on fruit or nut snacks
- Milk used in casseroles, puddings, etc.

Fluid Milk

- Certified raw milk
- Cheese
- Cream, cream sauces, cream soups
- Custard
- Evaporated milk
- Half and half
- Ice cream and ice milk
- Imitation milk
- Non-fat dry milk, reconstituted
- Pudding and pudding pops
- Rice milk (unless there is a properly completed medical statement on file)
- Sherbet
- Sour cream
- Soy milk (unless there is a properly completed medical statement on file)
- Yogurt and Frozen yogurt



Potentially Problem Foods

In order to fulfill a required meal pattern component, the following foods must be served in large portions that may be unreasonable for the participant population:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish sticks and chicken nuggets, commercial products • Granola bars, grain fruit bars and cereal bars, commercial products • Olives • Pickles • Pizza sauce | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peanut butter • Raisins and other dried fruit • Rice cakes • Rice Krispies® Treats • Salsa • Trail mixes (certain types) • Soups, canned |
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