



Food and
Nutrition
Service

Park Office
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DATE: February 17, 2016

SUBJECT: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Revised Food Package Maximum Monthly Distribution Rates

TO: Regional Directors
Special Nutrition Programs
MARO, MPRO, MWRO,
NERO, SERO, SWRO, and
WRO

State Directors
CSFP State Agencies
All Participating States

The attached CSFP Maximum Monthly Distribution Rates (Distribution Rates) revise those previously issued by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) on January 13, 2011. These updated Distribution Rates are to be used in conjunction with FNS Instruction 835-1, Rev. 1. This revision does not make changes to the distribution quantities for items already offered in CSFP. Rather, this revision is necessary to reflect changes in food offerings and participant eligibility which have occurred since 2011.

It should be noted that although the attached Distribution Rates establish maximum quantities, State agency tailoring of the CSFP food package below maximum quantities is permitted in only very limited circumstances. Per FNS Instruction 835-1, Rev. 1, such tailoring must be based on nutritional rationale and policy. CSFP State agency requests for nutritional tailoring of the food package must be submitted in writing to FNS for review and approval prior to implementation.

Prior to enactment of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-79, the 2014 Farm Bill) on February 7, 2014, State and local agencies were authorized to provide CSFP benefits to both seniors 60 years of age and over, and women, infants, and children who met the eligibility requirements of the program. However, the 2014 Farm Bill amended CSFP's eligibility rules to phase out the participation of women, infants, and children. Under the 2014 Farm Bill, those women, infants, and children who were certified and receiving CSFP benefits as of February 6, 2014, can continue to receive benefits until their eligibility expired under the pre-Farm Bill rules but no new women, infants, or children can be certified for benefits on or after February 7, 2014.

At this time, all women and infants have been phased out of the program, so the only populations currently eligible for CSFP benefits are seniors age 60 years and over and a limited number of children who were receiving benefits as of February 6, 2014. Accordingly, the monthly rates for infants, pregnant/breastfeeding women, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women have been removed from the attached Distribution Rates.

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Additionally, evaporated milk and egg mix are removed from the attached Distribution Rates. Evaporated milk was replaced by UHT milk in the CSFP food package in 2011 and no inventory of evaporated milk should remain in State inventories at this time. Egg mix is no longer purchased for the CSFP food package due to high cost and limited vendor availability.

Some foods may be unavailable due to changing agricultural market conditions. This may impact the choices within the Food Package Categories listed on the attached Distribution Rates.

State agency staff may contact their respective Regional Offices with any questions regarding these revised Distribution Rates. Regional Office staff may in turn contact Erica Antonson or Carolyn Smalkowski at (703) 305-2680. For questions related to food ordering, Regional Offices should contact Lauren King-Dillon or Special Allen at (703) 305-2680.

/s/ Original Signature on file

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Food Distribution Division

Attachments

February 2016
COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM
MAXIMUM MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION RATES

Children

Food Package Category	Food Item	Package Size	Packages/Month	Amount/Month
Cereals	Cereal, Dry Ready-to-Eat ^{1/}	12-18 oz pkg	2 pkgs	24-36 oz
	or Farina ^{1/}	14 oz pkg	2 pkgs	28 oz
	or Rolled Oats	3 lb pkg	1 pkg or	48 oz
	or Grits ^{2/}	5 lb pkg	1 pkg every other month	40 oz
Juices	Juice	64 oz container	3 containers	192 oz
Proteins	Beef	24 oz can	1 can	24 oz
	or Beef Stew	24 oz can	1 can	24 oz
	or Chili	24 oz can	1 can	24 oz
	or Chicken ^{3/}	10-15 oz can or pouch	2 cans or pouches	20-30 oz
	or Tuna ^{3/}	12 oz can	2 cans	24 oz
	or Salmon ^{3/}	14.75 oz can	2 cans	29.5 oz
Milk ^{4/}	UHT Fluid Milk 1% and Instant Nonfat Dry Milk	32 oz pkg 25.6 oz pkg	4 pkgs and 1 pkg every other month	128 oz 12.8 (128 oz reconstituted)
	Peanut Butter or Dry Beans	18 oz pkg 2 lb pkg	1 pkg or 1 pkg	18 oz 32 oz
Potatoes / Grains	Dehydrated Potatoes	1 lb pkg	1 pkg	16 oz
	or Pasta	1 lb pkg	2 pkgs	32 oz
		2 lb pkg	1 pkg	32 oz
	or Rice	2 lb pkg	1 pkg	32 oz
	or Grits ^{2/}	5 lb pkg	1 pkg every other month	40 oz
Cheese	Cheese	2 lb pkg	1 pkg	32 oz
Fruits	Fruits	15-16 oz can	2 cans	30-32 oz
Vegetables	Vegetables	15-16 oz can	4 cans	60-64 oz

Children

- 1/ A combination of 1 package of dry ready-to-eat cereal and 1 package of farina may be provided.
- 2/ The distribution rate for grits is 5 pounds every other month in either the Cereals or Potatoes/Grains Food Package Category.
- 3/ Participants can select two items per month from the following food items: chicken, tuna, and salmon. For example, participants can select two cans of salmon or one can of salmon and one can of chicken, etc.
- 4/ If parents or caretakers of children 12 to 23 months old choose to continue receiving CSFP benefits for children within this age range, they must be notified that the lower fat UHT milk and NDM provided in the CSFP food package should not be the sole source of milk for consumption by their children.

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Elderly

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	or Farina ^{1/}	14 oz pkg	2 pkgs	28 oz
	or Rolled Oats	3 lb pkg	1 pkg	48 oz
	or Grits ^{2/}	5 lb pkg	1 pkg every other month	40 oz
Juices	Juice	64 oz container	2 containers	128 oz
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Milk	UHT Fluid Milk 1% and Instant Nonfat Dry Milk	32 oz pkg 25.6 oz pkg	2 pkgs and 1 pkg every other month	64 oz 12.8 oz (128 oz reconstituted)
Peanut Butter/ Dry Beans	Peanut Butter	18 oz pkg	1 pkg	18 oz
	or Dry Beans/Peas	2 lb pkg	1 pkg	32 oz
Potatoes/ Grains	Dehydrated Potatoes	1 lb pkg	1 pkg	16 oz
	or Pasta	1 lb pkg	2 pkgs	32 oz
	or	2 lb pkg	1 pkg	32 oz
	or Rice	2 lb pkg	1 pkg	32 oz
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ATTACHMENT C

**February 2016
COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM
MAXIMUM MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION RATES – SUMMARY TABLE¹**

Food Package Category	Food Item	Size	Cans or Packages per Month	
			Children	Elderly
Cereals	Cereal, Ready-to-Eat or	12-18 oz	2 or	2 or
	Farina or	14 oz	2 or	2 or
	Rolled Oats or	3 lb	1 or	1 or
	Grits	5 lb	1 every other month	1 every other month
Juice	Juice, Plastic Container	64 oz	3	2
Proteins	Beef or	24 oz	1 or	1 or
	Beef Stew or	24 oz	1 or	1 or
	Chili or	24 oz	1 or	1 or
	Chicken or	10-15 oz	2 or	2 or
	Tuna or	12 oz	2 or	2 or
	Salmon or	14.75 oz	2 or	2 or
Milk	UHT Fluid Milk 1% and	32 oz	4 every mo. and 1 every other month	2 every mo. and 1 every other month
	Inst. Nonfat Dry Milk	25.6 oz		
Peanut Butter/ Dry Beans	Peanut Butter or	18 oz	1 or	1 or
	Dry Beans/Peas	2 lb	1	1
Potatoes/ Grains	Dehydrated Potatoes or	1 lb	1 or	1 or
	Pasta or	1 lb	2 or	2 or
		2 lb	1 or	1 or
	Rice or	2 lb	1 or	1 or
	Grits	5 lb	1 every other month	1 every other month
Cheese	Cheese	2 lb	1	1
Fruits	Fruits	15-16 oz	2	2
Vegetables	Vegetables	15-16 oz	4	4

¹See Maximum Monthly Distribution Rates by participant category for complete description of appropriate substitutions and/or combinations.