

## ADULT MEAL PATTERN

Lunch and Supper (Select all five components for a reimbursable meal)	
Food Components and Food Items <sup>1</sup>	Minimum Quantities
<b>Fluid Milk</b> <sup>2,3</sup>	8 fluid ounces
<b>Meat/meat alternates</b>	
Lean meat, poultry, or fish	2 ounces
Tofu, soy product, or alternate protein product <sup>4</sup>	2 ounces
Cheese	2 ounces
Large egg	1
Cooked dry beans or peas	½ cup
Peanut butter or soy nut butter or another nut or seed butter	4 tbsp
Yogurt, plain or flavored, sweetened or unsweetened <sup>5</sup>	8 ounces or 1 cup
The following may be used to meet no more than 50% of the requirement: Peanuts, soy nuts, tree nuts, or seeds, as listed in program guidance, or an equivalent quantity of any combination of the above meat/meat alternates (1 ounces of nuts/seeds = 1 ounce of cooked lean meat, poultry, or fish)	1 ounce = 50%
<b>Vegetables</b> <sup>6</sup>	½ cup
<b>Fruits</b> <sup>6,7</sup>	½ cup
<b>Grains (oz eq)</b> <sup>8,9</sup>	
Whole grain-rich or enriched bread	2 slices
Whole grain-rich or enriched bread product, such as biscuit, roll or muffin	2 servings
Whole grain-rich, enriched or fortified cooked breakfast cereal <sup>10</sup> , cereal grain, and/or pasta	1 cup

<sup>1</sup> Must serve all five components for a reimbursable meal. Offer versus serve is an option for adult participants.

<sup>2</sup> Must be unflavored low-fat (1 percent), unflavored fat-free (skim), or flavored fat-free (skim) milk. Six ounces (weight) or ¾ cup (volume) of yogurt may be used to meet the equivalent of 8 ounces of fluid milk once per day when yogurt is not served as a meat alternate in the same meal.

<sup>3</sup> A serving of fluid milk is optional for suppers served to adult participants.

<sup>4</sup> Alternate protein products must meet the requirements in Appendix A to Part 226.

<sup>5</sup> Yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces.

<sup>6</sup> Pasteurized full-strength juice may only be used to meet the vegetable or fruit requirement at one meal, including snack, per day.

<sup>7</sup> A vegetable may be used to meet the entire fruit requirement. When two vegetables are served at lunch or supper, two different kinds of vegetables must be served.

<sup>8</sup> At least one serving per day, across all eating occasions, must be whole grain-rich. Grain-based desserts do not count towards the grains requirement.

<sup>9</sup> Beginning October 1, 2019, ounce equivalents are used to determine the quantity of the creditable grain.

<sup>10</sup> Breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce (no more than 21.2 grams sucrose and other sugars per 100 grams of dry cereal).