

Crediting Store-Bought Combination Foods

Store-bought combination foods can only be credited to the CACFP Meal Pattern when the amount of each component (i.e. meat, grain, etc.) in the item is known and one of the two required documents listed below is on file.

Examples: Chicken nuggets, pizza, ravioli, Salisbury steak, meatballs, corn dogs, fish sticks, cheese sauce, etc.

Required Documentation:

| Child Nutrition (CN) Label | Product Formulation Statement (PFS) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be on file for all store-bought combination foods to credit them to the meal pattern • Not all store-bought combination food items will have a CN Label or PFS • The CN Label for one brand of a food item may be different for another brand. Do not use one label for multiple items. | <p>What if a CN Label or PFS is not on file?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not serve the food item(s) • Obtain the CN Label or PFS prior serving, or find another item that has a CN Label or PFS • Do not claim meals with store-bought combination foods that do not have CN Label or PFS |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">NOT Acceptable Documentation Nutrition Facts Label / Ingredient List</p> | |
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Use information from CN Label or PFS to determine how much of the item to serve to each participant.

Example

Compare information from the CN label to the meal pattern minimum requirements to determine how much to serve to each participant

| Ages | Meal Pattern Requirements | CN Label Info | Amts to Serve |
|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1&2 year old | 1 oz M/MA | 4 nuggets = 2 oz M/MA | 2 fish nuggets |
| 3-5 year old | 1.5 oz M/MA | | 3 fish nuggets |
| 6 & Older | 2 oz M/MA | | 4 fish nuggets |

Programs must prepare enough to ensure that each participant gets the minimum required amount.