



Infant Meal Pattern

			REQUIRED MINIMUM QUANTITIES		
	FOOD COMPONENTS	FOOD ITEMS	BIRTH THROUGH 5 MONTHS	6 MONTHS TO 1 ST BIRTHDAY	
BREAKFAST	Breast Milk or Formula	Breast Milk or Iron-fortified Infant Formula	4-6 fl. oz.	6-8 fl. oz.	
	Vegetables/Fruits	Vegetables/Fruits	Vegetable, Fruit or Both	0	0-2 Tbsp.
		Infant Cereal¹ and/or Meat/Meat Alternate	Iron-fortified Infant Cereal <i>or</i>	0	0-1/2 oz. eq.
			Lean Meat, Fish, Poultry <i>or</i>	0	0-4 Tbsp.
			Whole Eggs <i>or</i>	0	0-4 Tbsp.
			Cooked Dry Beans, Peas or Lentils <i>or</i>	0	0-4 Tbsp.
			Cheese <i>or</i>	0	0-2 oz.
			Cottage Cheese <i>or</i>	0	0-8 Tbsp.
Yogurt	0		0-4 oz.		
SNACK	Breast Milk or Formula	Breast Milk or Iron-fortified Infant Formula	4-6 fl. oz.	2-4 fl. oz.	
	Vegetables/Fruits	Vegetable, Fruit or Both	0	0-2 Tbsp.	
		Grains/Bread	Iron-fortified Infant Cereal or Bread <i>or</i>	0	0-1/2 oz. eq.
			Crackers or Ready-to-eat Breakfast Cereal	0	0-1/4 oz. eq.
LUNCH OR SUPPER	Breast Milk or Formula	Breast Milk or Iron-fortified Infant Formula	4-6 fl. oz.	6-8 fl. oz.	
	Vegetables/Fruits	Vegetables/Fruits	Vegetable, Fruit or Both	0	0-2 Tbsp.
		Infant Cereal and/or Meat/Meat Alternate	Iron-fortified Infant Cereal <i>or</i>	0	0-1/2 oz. eq.
			Lean Meat, Fish, Poultry <i>or</i>	0	0-4 Tbsp.
			Whole Eggs <i>or</i>	0	0-4 Tbsp.
			Cooked Dry Beans, Peas or Lentils <i>or</i>	0	0-4 Tbsp.
			Cheese <i>or</i>	0	0-2 oz.
			Cottage Cheese <i>or</i>	0	0-8 Tbsp.
Yogurt	0		0-4 oz.		

¹ Ounce Equivalents (oz. eq.) are used to determine the quantity of creditable grains. For iron-fortified infant cereal, 1/2 oz. eq. is about 4 Tbsp. dry. For other grains, refer to *Crediting Foods in CACFP*. Solid foods are only required for infants when they are developmentally ready to accept them. The decision to feed specific foods should always be made in consultation with an infant's parent or guardian.