

BREAKFAST MEAL PATTERNS Serve Milk, Grains*, Vegetables or Fruit

COMPONENT	AGES 1-2	AGES 3-5	AGES 6-18	ADULTS
Milk	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	1 cup	1 cup
Vegetables, Fruit or Both	1/4 cup	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	1/2 cup
Grains*	1/2 serving	1/2 serving	1 serving	2 servings

* Meat and meat alternates may be served in place of the entire grains component at breakfast a maximum of three times per week.

LUNCH & SUPPER MEAL PATTERNS Serve all 5 components

COMPONENT	AGES 1-2	AGES 3-5	AGES 6-18	ADULTS
Milk	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	1 cup	1 cup*
Vegetables	1/8 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup	1/2 cup
Fruit	1/8 cup	1/4 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup
Meat/Meat Alternates	1 oz	1 1/2 oz	2 oz	2 oz
Grains	1/2 serving	1/2 serving	1 serving	2 servings

* A serving of milk is not required at supper meals for adults.

SNACK MEAL PATTERNS Serve 2 of the 5 components

COMPONENT	AGES 1-2	AGES 3-5	AGES 6-18	ADULTS
Milk	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	1 cup	1 cup
Vegetables	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	1/2 cup
Fruit	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	1/2 cup
Meat/Meat Alternates	1/2 oz	1/2 oz	1 oz	1 oz
Grains	1/2 serving	1/2 serving	1 serving	1 serving

Beginning October 1, 2021, ounce equivalents are used to determine the quantity of creditable grains.
 Refer to USDA FNS Exhibit A for further guidance on grain serving sizes.

