

# Crediting Store-Bought Combination Foods and Processed Meat/Meat Alternates

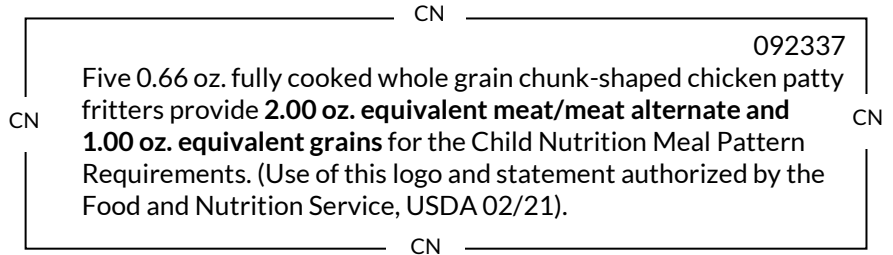
Store-bought combination foods and processed meat/meat alternates, such as pizza, chicken nuggets, ravioli, beef patties, Salisbury steak, meatballs, fish sticks, cheese sauce, etc., are only creditable to the CACFP Meal Pattern when one of the following is on file:



- Child Nutrition (CN) Label
- Product Formulation Statement (PFS)

## Child Nutrition (CN) Label

A CN label will be found on the product's package. Most often, CN labels are on foods purchased from a food distributor. Store-bought combination foods and processed meats purchased in grocery stores generally do not include a CN label.



A sample CN Label is shown on the right.

## Product Formulation Statement (PFS)

A PFS is not found on a product's package. A PFS must be obtained by contacting the product's manufacturer. Store-bought combination foods and processed meats purchased in grocery stores that do not include a CN label require a PFS.

Manufacturer Name		Product Formulation Statement			
Product Name: <u>Uncooked Breaded Chicken Breast Tenderloins</u>		Code No: <u>020496-0928</u>			
Manufacturer: <u>Tyson Foods, INC</u>		Case/Pack/Count/Portion/Size: <u>/ 3 (1.85 oz.) Pieces</u>			
<b>I. Meat/Meat Alternate</b>					
Please fill out the chart below to determine the creditable amount of Meat/Meat Alternate					
	Description of Food Buying Guide	Ounces per Raw Portion of Creditable Ingredient	Multiply	FBG Yield	Creditable Amount *
Chicken	CHICKEN TENDERS	1.340388	X	0.73	0.97848324
<b>Total</b>					0.97848324
<small>* Creditable Amount - Multiply ounces per raw portion of creditable ingredient by the FBG Yield Information</small>					
A serving of 3 chicken tenders provides 2 ounces of meat/meat alternate.					

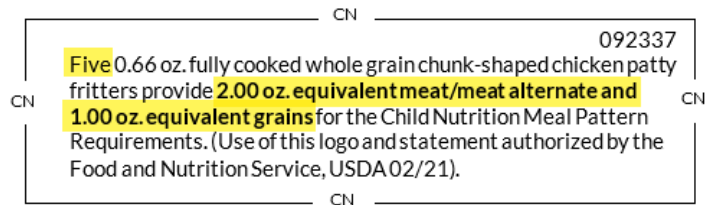
A sample PFS is shown on the right.

## Use Information From the CN Label or PFS to Determine How Much to Serve

CN Labels and PFSs identify a specific **serving amount** and the **meal pattern contribution** of creditable ingredients per serving.

The sample CN Label on the right identifies:

- Serving amount: 5 chicken patty fritters
- Meal pattern contribution:
  - 2.00 oz meat/meat alternate (m/ma)
  - 1.00 oz eq grains



Compare this information to the CACFP Meal Pattern minimum requirements to determine how much to prepare and serve to each participant:

Ages	Meal Pattern Requirements	Amounts to Serve at Lunch/Supper	Meal Pattern Contribution per Serving	Meets Meal Pattern Requirements
1&2 year olds	1 oz M/MA ½ oz eq Grains	3 fritters	1.2 oz M/MA 6/10 oz eq Grains	✓
3-5 year olds	1.5 oz M/MA ½ oz eq Grains	4 fritters	1.6 oz M/MA 4/5 oz eq Grains	✓
6 years & older	2 oz M/MA 1 oz eq Grains	5 fritters	2 oz M/MA 1 oz eq Grains	✓

## Crediting to the Grains Component

When a store-bought combination food or processed meat/meat alternate contributes to the grains component, the CN Label or PFS will identify if the grain is whole grain-rich.



### CN Label

**Whole Grain-Rich:** When the grain ingredient is whole grain-rich the CN Label will state the following:

**X.XX oz. equivalent grains**

See example on the right.

CN	XXXXXX	
CN	<p>Four 1.00 oz. fish nuggets provide 2.00 oz. equivalent meat/meat alternate and <b>1.00 oz. equivalent grains</b> for Child Nutrition Meal Pattern Requirements. (Use of this logo and statement authorized by the FNS, USDA 02/21).</p>	CN
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**Not Whole Grain-Rich:** When the grain ingredient is not whole grain-rich the CN Label will state the following:

**X.XX oz. equivalent grains (enriched)**

See example on the right.

CN	XXXXXX	
CN	<p>Four 1.00 oz. fish nuggets provide 2.00 oz. equivalent meat/meat alternate and <b>1.00 oz. equivalent grains (enriched)</b> for Child Nutrition Meal Pattern Requirements. (Use of this logo and statement authorized by the FNS, USDA 02/21).</p>	CN
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### Product Formulation Statement (PFS)

The PFS will indicate if the item is whole grain rich by the selection of 'Yes' or 'No' to the statement "Does this product meet the Whole Grain-Rich Criteria"

See example on the right.

 	
<b>Product Formulation Statement for Grains Products</b> <small>(Contracting entities must retain a copy of the label from the product package in addition to the following information on the manufacturer's letterhead that is signed by an official company representative.)</small>	
Product Name: <u>Fully Cooked "Buffalo Style" Chicken Breast Bites</u>	Code No.: <u>40030 WG</u>
Manufacturer: <u>John Soules Foods Acquisitions dba ProView Foods</u>	Serving Size: <u>4.25 (4 PC)</u> (amount)
<b>I. Does the product meet the Whole Grain-Rich Criteria: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
<small>II. Does the product contain non-creditable grains: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, how many grams: _____</small>	
<b>III. Use Policy Memorandum SP 30-2012 Grain Requirements for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program:</b>	

## What if a CN Label or PFS Is Not on File?

A CN Label or PFS must be on file for store-bought combination foods and processed meat/meat alternates to serve these items as meal components of a CACFP meal. When a CN Label or PFS is not on file or cannot be obtained:

- Do not serve the food item as a CACFP meal component. If served, these items can only be served as an extra food in addition to creditable meal components.
- Purchase a different item that has a CN Label or PFS that can be obtained.
- Do not claim meals when a CN Label or PFS is not on file and these items are served as meal components.

## What Else Do You Need to Know?

- The CN Label or PFS for a specific product cannot be used for a different product.
- The Nutrition Facts Label and Ingredients List is not acceptable documentation to credit store-bought combination foods and processed meat/meat alternates to the CACFP Meal Pattern.

Amount/serving	%DV*	Amount/serving	%DV*
<b>Total Fat</b> 20g	<b>31%</b>	<b>Total Carb.</b> 2g	<b>1%</b>
Serv. Size: 4 oz (112g)		Sat. Fat 4g	8%
Servings: 4		Trans Fat 0g	0%
<b>Calories</b> 320		Sugars 0g	
Fat cal 150		<b>Cholest.</b> 80mg	<b>27%</b>
		<b>Sodium</b> 340mg	<b>14%</b>
		Vitamin A 0%	0%
		Vitamin C 0%	0%
		Iron 10%	10%

Ingredients: **Meatballs** (Pork, Beef, Eggs, Water, Romano Cheese [Sheep's Milk, Rennet, Salt], Ground Gluten Free Oats, Salt, Garlic Powder, Black Pepper, Parsley)

Contains: Milk, Egg