

## REFRIGERATED STORAGE

Recommended Storage Periods **In Months** (Unless otherwise noted)  
 Based on State Purchasing Guidelines 4/30/07 unless otherwise noted  
 FDA is the latest FDA Code as of 4/30/07  
 Length of Storage Period is in relation to pack date

**C = Canned      F= fresh      d= day      w=week      indef. = indefinitely**

	Refrigerated 40° F	Comments
<b>BEANS &amp; PEAS</b>		
Beans, C	72	
Beans, dried	24	
Beans, Refried, C	72	
Beans, Vegetarian, C	48	
Lentils, dried	24	
Peas, Black-Eyed, C	72	
Peas, Black-Eyed, dried	24	
<b>DAIRY</b>		
Cheese (Swiss, brick, processed) ( <i>freezing affects texture</i> )	3-4 w	
Milk, non-fat, dry	24	
Milk, condensed or evaporated - <i>unopened</i>	12	
Milk (in carton) after date on carton	5-7 d	
<b>FRUIT (in general)</b>		
Apple Slices, C	48	
Apples, fresh	1-4	
Applesauce, C	48	
Apricots, C	48	
Cherries, C	36	
Date Products	5	
Fig Nuggets	9	
Fruit cocktail	48	
Grapefruit, F	1	
Oranges, F	1	
Peaches, C	48	
Pears, C	36	
Pears, F	3	
Pineapple, C	48	
Plums, C	36	
Prunes, Pitted, Dried	18	
Raisins	18	
<b>GRAINS &amp; CEREALS</b>		
Bakery Mix (regular & low-fat)	12	
Cornmeal	24	
Macaroni, Spaghetti, Rotini (Spirals)	72	
Oats, Rolled, Quick	24	
Rice, Brown or wild (refrigerate)	6	
Rice, White, Enriched, Parboiled	30	
Rice, White, Enriched, Regular	48	
Wheat, Rolled, Quick	24	

<b>MEATS, POULTRY, FISH</b>		
Beef Roasts, F	3-5 d	
Beef, C with natural juices	60	
Beef, Ground, fresh	1-2 d	
Chicken, C, Boned	60	
Chicken, cut-up fresh (poultry)	1-2 d	
Chicken, Thighs & Drumsticks, F	1-2 d	
Chicken, Whole	1-2 d	
Egg Mix, All Purpose	12-15	
Eggs, F in shell	3 w	
Eggs, hard boiled	1 w	
Fish, other	1-2 d)	
Giblets	1-2 d	
Lunch meats	3-5	
Pork Sausage, F	1-2 d	
Pork, C with natural juices	60	
Pork Chops & Roasts, F	3-5 d	
Pork, Ground, F	1-2 d	
Salmon, Pink, C	72	
Shellfish	1-2 d	
Tuna, Chunk Light, C in water	72	
<b>VEGETABLES</b>		
Beans, Dried	24	
Carrots, F	60	
Corn, Kernel, C	72	
Peas, Green, C	72	
Potatoes, Fresh	2	
Potatoes, Instant or Sliced <small>Dehydrated</small>	12	
Salsa, Tomato, C	48	
Spaghetti Sauce, Meatless C	48	
Sweet Potatoes, C	48	
Tomato Paste, C	36	
Tomato Sauce, C	48	
Tomatoes C	48	
<b>OTHER</b>		
Gravy, broth	1-2 d	
Peanut Butter	36	
Peanuts, Roasted	60	
Salad Dressing, Reduced Calorie	8	
Salad Oil	24	
Vegetable Oil	24	
Vegetable Shortening	48	
Walnuts, Shelled	10	

**FDA recommended dates were based on the Food Code (4/30/07). Best If Used by Date is based on packing date and must be clearly marked to supersede dates of recommendations.**

**Food products may be eaten after the “Best If Used By” date if the product has been properly stored, handled, and the primary container has not been compromised.**