

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
BEANS & PEAS		
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	
DAIRY		
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	
FRUIT (in general)		
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	
GRAINS & CEREALS		
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	

MEATS, POULTRY, FISH		
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	
VEGETABLES		
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	
OTHER		
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.