

FROZEN STORAGE

Recommended Storage Periods **In Months**

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

	Frozen 18 ° F or below	Comments
DAIRY		
Cheese (Swiss, brick, processed) (<i>freezing affects texture</i>)	Not Recommended	
Ice cream, ice milk	2-4	
Milk (in carton) after date on carton	1 (FDA)	
FRUIT (in general)		
Apple Slices	18	
Apricots, Sliced, F	18	
Blackberries, F	18	
Blackberry Puree, F	18	
Blueberries, F	18	
Cherries, Frozen	24	
Date Products F	12	
Orange Juice, Concentrate, F	24	
Orange Juice, Single Serve, F	9	
Peaches, Sliced Freestone, F	18	
Raspberry Puree, F	18	
Strawberries, IQF, F	15	
Strawberries, Sliced, Sweetened-F	15	
MEATS, POULTRY, FISH		
Beef Roasts, Ready to Cook, F	12	
Beef Roasts, fresh	6-12 (FDA)	
Beef, Ground & stewing, Bulk, F	9	
Beef, Ground, fresh	3-4 (FDA)	
Beef, Ground, Patties, F	4	
Chicken Meat, Cooked, Diced, F	6	
Chicken Parts, Cooked, Breaded, F	4	
Chicken, cut-up F	8	
Chicken, cut-up fresh (poultry)	12	
Chicken, Thighs & Drumsticks, F	9	
Eggs, Pasteurized, Whole, F	12	
Fish (lean – cod, flounder, haddock)	6 (FDA)	
Fish, other	2-3 (FDA)	
Giblets	3-4 (FDA)	
Ham, Cooked, F	6	
Lunch meats	1-2 (FDA)	

Leftover cooked meats	2-3 (FDA)	
Pork Sausage, F	3	
Pork Chops & Roasts, fresh	4-6 (FDA)	
Pork, Ground, F	9	
Salmon Nuggets, F	6	
Salmon, fresh	2-3	
Turkey Breast, Deli-Style, F	4	
Turkey Roasts, F	7	
Turkey Sausage, F	3	
Turkey, Whole, F	9	
VEGETABLES		
Beans, Green F	12	
Carrots, F	12	
Corn, Kernel, F	24	
French Fries	12	
Peas, Green F	14	
Potato Wedges, F	12	
Potatoes, French Fried & Rounds,f	12	
Sweet Potatoes, F	12	
OTHER		
Gravy, broth	2-3 (FDA)	
Walnuts, Shelled	20	

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.