

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

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

**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.**