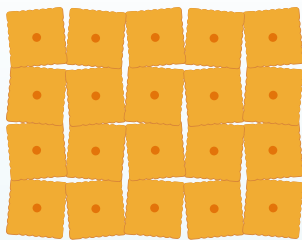


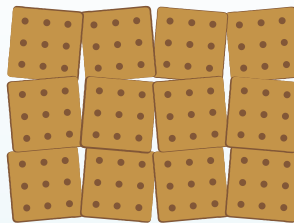
Using Ounce Equivalents for Grains in the Child and Adult Care Food Program

Grains are an important part of meals in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). To make sure children and adults get enough grains at CACFP meals and snacks, required amounts for the grains component are listed in the meal pattern as ounce equivalents (oz. eq.). Ounce equivalents tell you the amount of grain in a portion of food.

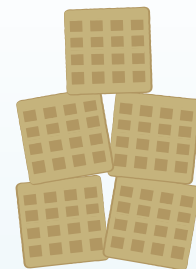
How Much Is 1 Ounce Equivalent?



20 cheese crackers
(1" by 1") = 1 oz. eq.



12 thin wheat crackers
(1 ¼" by 1 ¼") = 1 oz. eq.



5 woven whole-wheat crackers
(1 ½" by 1 ½") = 1 oz. eq.

Using the Grains Measuring Chart


The Grains Measuring Chart on pages 2-4 tells you how much of a grain item you need to serve to meet CACFP meal pattern requirements. To use this chart:

- Find the grain you want to serve under the "Grain Item and Size" column.
- Check if the chart lists a size or weight by the name of the grain. If the chart:
- Find the column for the age of your participants and the meal or snack you are serving. This column lists the amount of a grain you will need to serve to meet the meal pattern requirement for grains.

Lists a weight for the grain, such as *at least 56 grams*, then use the Nutrition Facts label for the item you want to serve to make sure it weighs the same, or more than, the grain on the chart. See page 5.

Does not list a weight or size for the grain, then you do not need to check the size or weight of the product before using the chart.

Lists a size for the grain, such as *about 1 ¼" by 1 ½"*, then check if the item is the same size, or larger than, this amount. See page 6.

 Grain Item and Size		1- through 5-year-olds at Breakfast, Lunch, Supper, Snack
Pita Bread/Round (whole grain-rich or enriched) at least 56 grams*		Serve at Least ½ oz. eq., which equals about...
Popcorn		¼ pita or 14 grams
Pretzel, Hard, Mini-Twist (about 1 ¼" by 1 ½")**		1 ½ cups or 14 grams
		7 twists or 11 grams