

**U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

**Reportable Food Summary Report**  
**RFR COMMODITIES Definitions**

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Listed below are the commodity categories FDA will use to trend the reportable food data. Within each category, examples have been provided for the purpose of illustration only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list.

**1. Acidified / LACF:**

Acidified foods mean low-acid foods to which acid(s) or acid food(s) are added. They have a water activity (aw) greater than 0.85 and have a finished equilibrium pH of 4.6 or below. These foods would have a scheduled process with FDA per 21 CFR Part 113.

Low acid [canned] foods means any foods, other than alcoholic beverages, with a finished equilibrium pH greater than 4.6 and a water activity (aw) greater than 0.85. These foods would have a scheduled process with FDA per 21 CFR Part 114. Products included are canned (retorted) foods and aseptically processed and packaged foods.

Including but not limited to:

- Soups
- Chicken / Beef Broth
- Diet and Nutritional Drinks
- Pickles
- Beans
- Aseptic products – including dairy
- Baby Food
- **Canned Clams**

**2. Animal Feed/Pet Food:**

Includes Animal Feed and Pet Food

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<sup>1</sup> This document was revised from the May 10, 2010 version to provide more examples for clarity. Updates highlighted in red.

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**3. Bakery:**

Baked goods including fresh, refrigerated, and frozen products that are ready-to-eat or ready-to-bake products and mixes that require preparation before serving.

Including but not limited to:

- Dough
- Fresh and Frozen bread
- Pastries
- Cookies
- Tortilla
- Pies
- Cakes
- Scones
- Wafers
- Biscuits
- Croutons
- Bread crumbs
- Croissants
- Cookie Dough
- Mixes - Cake, Muffin, Biscuit, Pancake
- **Batters and Breading**

**4. Beverages:**

Beverages and beverage bases, alcoholic and non-alcoholic.

Including but not limited to:

- Water
- Soft Drinks
- Juices
- Coffee/Tea
- Hot Chocolate
- Chocolate Powders / Mixes
- Flavored Drink Syrups
- Beverage Mixes
- Alcoholic Beverages, e.g. malt beverages, wine, distilled liquors
- Cocktail Mixes
- Non-dairy Milks

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**5. Breakfast Cereals:**

Ready-to-eat and instant and regular hot cereals.

Including but not limited to:

- Boxed cereals
- Granola
- Instant cereals (add hot water), e.g. oatmeal

**6. Chocolate/Confections/Candy:**

Including but not limited to:

- Chocolate
- Confections / Coatings
- Candy Bars
- Chewing Gum
- Fudge
- Caramel Apples
- Frosting
- Marshmallows

**7. Dairy:**

Milk and milk product

Including but not limited to:

- Fluid white milk
- Flavored milks
- Buttermilk
- Condensed Milk
- Creams, e.g. heavy, light, whipping
- Eggnog
- Cheeses, e.g. natural, process, cream cheese
- Cultured Products, e.g. sour cream, cottage cheese
- Dairy based dips
- Dairy based spreads
- Dried milk
- Ice cream,
- Whey
- Butter
- Dairy based seafood dips and spreads

Not included

- Pudding
- Non-dairy products
- Cheese Analogs (these would be categorized as “other”)

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**8. Dressing/Sauces/Gravies:**

Including but not limited to:

- Condiments, e.g. ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise
- Salad Dressings
- Salsa
- Marinades
- Soy Sauce
- Barbeque Sauce
- Specialty Sauces
- Dry Powder Dips
- Gravies (dry and liquid)
- Vinegar
- White and red pasta sauces

Not included:

- Acidified / LACF Products

**9. Egg:**

Including but not limited to:

- Shell Eggs
- Hardboiled Eggs

Not included

- Dried Egg Powders (USDA regulated)
- Pasteurized Liquid Eggs (USDA regulated)

**10. Frozen Foods:**

Including but not limited to:

- Fruits and Vegetables
- **IQF Fruits and Vegetables**
- Frozen Meals
- TV Dinners
- Pizza

Not included:

- Bakery
- Seafood
- Pasta
- Dairy

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**11. Fruit and Vegetable Products:**

Including but not limited to:

- Process Fruits and Vegetables
- Dried Fruits and Vegetables
- Jams and Jellies
- Apple butter
- Apple Sauce
- Fruit Concentrates, e.g. apple juice concentrate, orange juice concentrate
- Raisins
- Tofu
- **Dried celery, onion, and spinach**

Not included:

- Fresh Produce
- Frozen
- Acidified / LACF Products

**12. Game Meats:**

Including but not limited to:

- Exotic meats such as snake, bush meats, rabbit, guinea pigs, bison, venison
- All birds and animals not regulated under the Meat and Poultry Act

Not included:

- USDA Regulated Meat under the Meat and Poultry Act (horse, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, ratites, poultry)

**13. Meal Replacement/ Nutritional Food and Beverages:**

Including but not limited to:

- Powdered Drinks
- Granola Bars
- Medical Foods
- Energy Shakes and Drinks
- Dry Instant Breakfast

Excludes:

- Acidified / LACF Products

**14. Multiple Food Products:**

Use this classification when an RFR has multiple products listed that are not from the same category.

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**15. Nuts, Nut Products, and Seed Products:**

Including but not limited to:

- Whole or Shelled Tree Nuts
- Peanuts
- Coconut
- Nut Butters, e.g. Marzipan,
- Tahini
- Hummus

Not included:

- Sesame Seeds, Poppy Seeds (these are spices)

**16. Oil/Margarine:**

Including but not limited to:

- Fats and Oils
- Vegetable Oils
- Cooking Oils
- Margarine
- Shortenings

**17. Pasta:**

Including but not limited to:

- Fresh, Refrigerated, or Frozen Pasta
- Dried Pasta
- Filled Pasta
- Macaroni
- Noodles

**18. Prepared Foods:**

Including but not limited to:

- Refrigerated and Ready-to-Eat Salads
  - Seafood salads
- Sandwiches (closed faced)
- Appetizers
- Pasta Side Dishes (multiple components)
- Rice Side Dishes (multiple components)

Not included:

- Open faced Sandwiches (USDA Regulated)
- Frozen Foods
- Produce – Fresh-cut Salads
- Acidified / LACF Products

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**19. Produce- Fresh Cut:**

Including but not limited to:

- Bagged leafy greens
- Fresh cut fruits and vegetables
- Apple slices

Not included:

- Frozen
- Acidified / LACF Products
- Raw Agricultural Commodities (RAC)

**20. Produce- Raw Agricultural Commodities (RAC):**

Including but not limited to:

- Fresh produce (vegetables and fruits)
- Cored head lettuce
- Fresh herbs(cilantro and chives)

Not included:

- Processed
- Frozen
- Dried
- Acidified / LACF Products
- Fresh Cut

**21. Seafood:**

Including but not limited to:

- All Fishery and Seafood Products
- Refrigerated, Frozen and Fresh Products
- Fin Fish
- Shell Fish (Mollusks and Crustacea)
- Turtles, frogs, alligator

Not included:

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**22. Snack Foods:**

Including but not limited to:

- Chips
- Pretzels
- Pudding
- Gelatin Desserts
- Popcorn
- Novelty snacks
- Sorbet
- Trail Mix

**23. Soup:**

Including but not limited to:

- Refrigerated soups
- Dry Mixes
- Ramen
- Bouillon Cubes

Not included:

- Acidified / LACF Products

**24. Spices/Seasonings:**

Including but not limited to:

- Spices identified in 21 CFR 182.10
- Whole and ground
- **Roobios**
- Sesame Seeds, Poppy Seeds, Caraway, **Anise, Fenugreek** Seeds
- Meat Coatings and Rub
- Seafood Seasonings
- Dried Herbs
- **Dried Ginger**

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**25. Stabilizers, Emulsifiers, Flavors, Colors, and Texture Enhancers:**

Including but not limited to:

- Soy and Egg Lecithin
- Gums and Thickeners
- Hydrolyzed Vegetable Proteins
- Flavor Enhancers
- Monosodium Glutamate
- Flavorings
- Pectin
- Starches
- Yeast / Yeast Extracts
- Leavening agents
- Food Colorings

**26. Sweeteners:**

Including but not limited to:

- Natural and Artificial Sweeteners
- Corn Syrups
- Sugar
- Sugar Substitutes
- Honey

**27. Whole & Milled Grains and Flours:**

Including but not limited to:

- Whole Grains
- Milled Grains
- Flours, e.g. wheat, rice, soy
- Corn meal
- Oatmeal
- Grits
- Rice

**28. Other:** includes products that can not be categorized within one of the 27 categories above. Examples may be non-dairy products, analog cheese.