

## Product Formulation Statement (PFS) for Documenting Vegetables and Fruits

School Food Authorities (SFAs) should include a copy of the label from the purchased product package in addition to the following information on letterhead signed by an official company representative. Specific vegetable subgroups must be offered weekly and fruit must be served daily for the National School Lunch Program. For more detailed information on meal pattern requirements see the Nutrition Standards for School Meals Website at <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Legislation/nutritionstandards.htm">http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Legislation/nutritionstandards.htm</a>.

Product Name	Carton			Code	42	292
Manufacturer	Country Pure Foods			Serving Size	e 4 fl. oz. (118mL)	
I. VegetableCo	-	etermine the cred	itable amount c	of vegetables.		
Description of Creditable Ingredient per Food Buying Guide (FBG)	Vegetable Subgroup	Ounces per Raw Portion of Creditable Ingredient	Multiply	FBG Yield/Serving s Per Unit	Creditable Amount (quarter cups)	
page for quarter of Vegetables and puree will continu FBG.	cup to cup conv vegetable pure e to credit as a	es credit on volun calculated volum	ne served. Tom e based on the	ato paste and yields in the	Total Cups Beans/Peas (Legumes)	
• Δt least ½ cun c	of recognizable v	vegetable is regui	red to contribut	te towards the		

vegetable component or a specific vegetable subgroup.

weekly requirement for the additional vegetable subgroup.

chart on the following page for conversion factors

contribute towards the meat alternate component.

The other vegetable subgroup may be met with any additional amounts from the dark green, red/orange, and beans/peas (legumes) vegetable subgroups.
School food authorities may offer any vegetable subgroup to meet the total

• Please note that raw leafy green vegetables credit as half the volume served

planner will decide how to incorporate legumes into the school meal. However,

a manufacturer should provide documentation to show how legumes contribute towards the vegetable component and the meat alternate component. See

• The PFS for meat/meat alternate may be used to document how legumes

in school meals (For example: 1 cup raw spinach credits as  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup dark green vegetable. Legumes may credit towards the vegetable component or the meat alternate component, but not as both in the same meal. The school menu

**Total Cups** 

Dark Green

**Total Cups** 

Red/Orange

**Total Cups** 

Starchy

Total Cups

Other

I certify the above information is true and correct and that \_\_\_ ounce serving of the above product contains \_\_\_ cup(s) of vegetable. (vegetable subgroup)

## **II. Fruit Component**

Please fill out the chart below to determine the creditable amount of fruits

Description of Creditable Ingredient per Food Buying Guide (FBG)	Ounces per Raw Portion of Creditable Ingredient	Multiply	FBG Yield/Servings Per Unit	Creditable Amount1 (quarter cups)
100% Juice	4	×	.5	2
То	2			

- 1FBG calculations for fruits are in quarter cups. See chart below for quarter cup to cup conversions.
- Fruits and fruit purees credit on volume served.
- At least \( \frac{1}{8} \) cup of recognizable fruit is required to contribute towards the fruit component.
- Please note that dried fruits credit as double the volume served in school meals (For example,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup raisins credits as 1 cup fruit).

I certify the above information is true and correct and that  $\underline{\mathbf{4}}$  serving of the above product contains  $\underline{\mathbf{1/2}}$  cup(s) of fruit.

## **Quarter Cup to Cup Conversions\***

0.5 Quarter Cups = ½ Cup vegetable/fruit or 0.5 ounces of equivalent meat alternate

1.0 Quarter Cups =  $\frac{1}{4}$  Cup vegetable/fruit or 1.0 ounce of equivalent meat alternate

1.5 Quarter Cups =  $\frac{3}{8}$  Cup vegetable/fruit or 1.5 ounces of equivalent meat alternate

2.0 Quarter Cups = ½ Cup vegetable/fruit or 2.0 ounces of equivalent meat alternate

2.5 Quarter Cups = \( \frac{1}{2} \) Cup vegetable/fruit or 2.5 ounces of equivalent meat alternate

3.0 Quarter Cups =  $\frac{3}{4}$  Cup vegetable/fruit or 3.0 ounces of equivalent meat alternate

3.5 Quarter Cups =  $\frac{1}{8}$  Cup vegetable/fruit or 3.5 ounces of equivalent meat alternate

4.0 Quarter Cups = 1 Cup vegetable/fruit or 4.0 ounces of equivalent meat alternate

\*The result of 0.9999 equals \( \frac{1}{2} \) cup but a result of 1.0 equals \( \frac{1}{2} \) cup

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