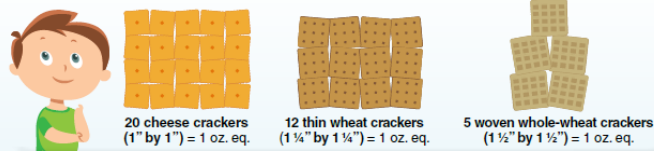


MORE information on Grain Component Crediting which changes October 1, 2021

How Much Is 1 Ounce Equivalent?



Grain ounce equivalents for portion sizes go into effect October 1, 2021. Wildwood wants to ensure clear and accurate information is available to confidently serve bread, cereal, crackers and pasta to meet the required portion sizes without the need to weigh each food item.

Ounce equivalents measure the amount of grain (usually flour) in a food item rather than the total weight of all ingredients. This means that the portion size of some foods may need to be adjusted based on how much grain (flour) the item includes.

Bread/Bun Comparison

A great example of a food that may be impacted by ounce equivalent portion sizes is Bread and Buns. Some bread products are small or light and fluffy while others are larger or more dense or heavy. To provide a one ounce serving, bread or buns that are small, like slider bun, will require a whole bun as a serving, while bread or buns that are larger or dense will require less than 1 bun. Previously, all bread and bun portions were the same, regardless of the weight of the different products.



When using ounce equivalents, **Small, or light/fluffy buns or bread slices will usually equal 1 Oz of grain per bun.**

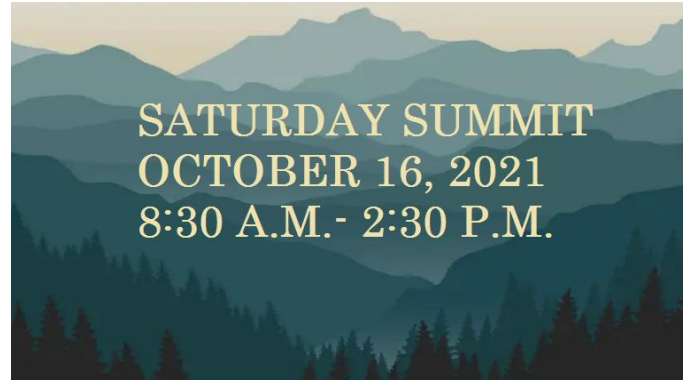


When using ounce equivalents, **Large/Jumbo Buns may be up to 2 Oz grain, so 1/2 of a bun would be a sufficient portion.**

Using this example, you can see how variations in the size or density of bread or buns will require a larger or smaller portion to be served to each child.

The USDA has created some helpful tools to assist providers with the change to ounce equivalents, including a Grain Measuring Chart. Wildwood has a new online training course Using Ounce Equivalents on our Free Online training page and linked below for your convenience.

[Using Ounce Equivalents for Grains](#)



We often hear from providers who prefer to complete training on the weekend. Well, here's your chance to get 4 hours of professional development training on a Saturday, from the comfort of home! Wildwood will pay the registration fee for each of our home providers to participate in a virtual Saturday Summit by the National CACFP Association. (email: info@wildwoodcacfp.org by Sept 28, 2021 to take advantage of this opportunity.)

Saturday, October 16, 2021

8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Mountain Time

Saturday Summit Training Schedule

8:30 am - 8:50 am | CACFP Saturday Summit Kick Off & Welcome

9:00 am - 10:00 pm | Menu Planning Made Easy

10:10 pm - 11:10 pm | Planning Developmentally Appropriate Menus

11:15 pm - 11:30 pm | Solutions Spotlight: Creditable Resources

11:40 pm - 12:40 pm | Movement and Fun: Learn Ways to Promote Active Play with Infants and Toddlers

12:50 pm - 1:50 pm | Baking Whole Grain-Rich Foods

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm | CACFP Professionals Certification Overview

This opportunity is a **virtual only** training. You must have a computer or tablet with internet access and an email address in order to register.

To sign-up, email info@wildwoodcacfp.org by Sept 28, 2021.

This virtual training content will be available on demand to registered participants from Oct 16-Oct 31, 2021.



Emergency Funding for Child Care Providers

It's time! Wildwood is including emergency funds with August claim reimbursement payments for eligible providers. We worked with our state agencies to ensure emergency funds are distributed to all eligible providers.



CORNER

CLAIMS

We want you to receive the most money possible each month. Claims Corner has useful reminders and hints to help you do just that.

- If you have a closure due to Covid, please let your field representative know. This information will help the field rep to plan their schedule of virtual reviews.
- Continue to send any Kinder Forms for any child who is eligible to attend school (5 year or older) Wildwood needs to know what school is attended, the hours, and whether the child will attend school in-person or virtually (online).

If schools in your area move to remote learning, please let Wildwood know. We want to ensure you are paid for meals served to school-age children when they are not in school. Please mark "School Out" in KidKare on days when school-age children are in care to ensure their meals can be reimbursed.

***The last day we can receive original WY & CO August claims for processing is October 23, 2021.**

***The last day we can receive original WY & CO September claims for processing is November 22, 2021.**

New 2022 Calendars have been mailed

The Imagination Station Calendars helps to track business income and expenses along with recipes, activity Ideas, and helpful hints for child care providers.



New Training Year Begins October 1, 2021

The 2022 training year for both Colorado and Wyoming home providers begins October 1, 2021. Food program participants complete annual training on the 3 required topics: Civil Rights, Nutrition, and Professionalism. The food program training courses can also be used for licensing hours.

All of these and more are available at www.wildwoodonline.org.



Due to the extended national health emergency, Wildwood will be conducting "Virtual Visits". The virtual visit allows the monitor to "see" the meal being served, the children present, and to verify that menus and meal records are up to date. Although there will be a learning curve with this technology, our staff will work with you to determine the best option based on the type of device you have available. Two of the next three reviews for each provider will be done using a virtual platform. The USDA has extended the waiver for on-site reviews until 30 days after the end of the National Health Emergency.

DID YOU KNOW???

When serving cottage cheese, a double portion is required to meet the minimum serving size of meat alternate.

Cream cheese is not a creditable food in a reimbursable meal. Cream cheese can be served as a condiment and should not be included on your menus as a food component.

Most brand of chicken nuggets are not creditable as part of a reimbursable meal. If you serve chicken nuggets, they must be home-made or have a Child Nutrition label, which shows the required portion size to fulfill the minimum portion for CACFP meal patterns.

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