

## PANTRY MATRIX

**\*\* For Any Products with No Expiration Date, Please Email [nutrition@gfbf.org](mailto:nutrition@gfbf.org) \*\***

"Code Date": Dating of product that helps stores decide how long to display a product for sale. It can also help consumers know when to purchase or use the product at its best quality.

This is not a safety date.

	Dry	Cooler	Freezer
Baby Food & Formula	Code Date Minus 90 days	Code Date Minus 90 days (consume by code date)	
Baking Mix (ex: cake, brownie, pudding mix)	Code Date + 1 year		
Beans			
- Canned	Code Date + 5 years	3-4 days after opening	
- Dried	Code Date + 2 years		
Beverage (ex: fruit juice, soda)	Code Date + 9 months	Code Date	Code Date + 2 years (juice concentrate)
- Drink mix and insant tea	Code Date + 2 years		
Bread	Wrapped, no mold		Code Date + 5 months (look at ice crystals)
Bread Products (ex: stuffing, bread crumbs)	Code Date + 12 months	Code Date	Code Date + 12 months
Cereal (ex: oats, cold cereal)	Code Date + 12 months	Code Date	Code Date + 12 months
Coffee			
- Ground or whole beans	Code Date + 4 months		
- Instant	Code Date + 1 year		
- Ready to drink, canned	Code Date + 9 months	Code Date	
Condiment (ex: mustard, ketchup, relish)	Code Date + 12 months	Code Date	Code Date + 3 months
- Mayo, Cream Sauce, Tartar Sauce	Code Date + 6 months	2 months after opening	Code Date + 3 months
- Salad dressings, commerical bottled	Code Date + 12 months	3 months after opening	
- Misc, refrigerated dressings <b>58 &amp; 58 I</b>		Code Date + 45 days (unopened)	
Dairy	Code Date + 6 months	Code Date	Code Date + 3 months
-Yoplait yogurt		Code Date + 14 days	
Dough	Code Date + 6 months	Code Date	Code date + 6 months
- General Mills Canned Dough		Code Date + 7 days	
Eggs, Fresh, Whole		Code Date + 3 weeks	
Fresh Produce		Based on integrity	
Fruit			
- Canned	Code Date + 18 months	Code Date or 4 days after opening	
- Dried	Code Date + 6 months		
- Frozen			Code Date + 6 months

Grain (ex: dry pasta, rice)	Code Date + 2 years		
Meat	Code Date + 1 year	Code Date (or freeze by code date)	Code Date + 6 months
- Poultry	Code Date + 180 days	Code Date (or freeze by code date)	Code Date + 9 months
- Retail Donation Meats			Code Date + 6 months
- Canned (ex: ham, chicken, tuna)	Code Date + 5 years		
- Seafood			Code Date + 10 months
Milk			
- Canned evaporated or condensed	Code Date + 1 year		
- Shelf stable UHT	Code Date + 6 months	14 days after opening	
Non-Dairy (ex: soy milk or almond milk)	Code Date + 6 months	Code Date + 6 months (unopened)	Code Date + 3 months (unopened)
Nutrition Supplement (ex: Ensure or Boost)	Code Date Minus 90 days	Code Date Minus 90 days (consume by code date)	
Peanut Butter	Code Date + 2 years	2-3 months after opening	
Tofu	Code Date + 6 months	Code Date (unopened) or 2-3 days after opening	Code Date + 5 months
Snack (ex: chips, granola bars, packaged cookies)	Code Date + 4 months	Code Date	Code Date + 60 days
Vegetable			
- Canned	Code Date + 3 years		
- Frozen			Code date + 8 months

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**References:**

Food Safety and Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington D.C. 20250-3700, February 2007