

Understanding USDA's 2025 Proposed Rule on SNAP Retailer Staple Food Stocking Standards

Current SNAP Stocking Requirements

3 varieties in each of 4 staple food categories = 12 items

Retailers must carry at least 3 stocking units of each = 36 items

Meat, Poultry, or Fish	Breads or Cereals	Vegetables or Fruits	Dairy
			

2025 Stocking Requirements Proposal

7 varieties in 4 staple food categories = 28 items

Retailers must carry at least 3 stocking units of each = 84 items

Protein	Grains	Vegetables or Fruits	Dairy
			

Retailers Cannot Meet 7 Varieties in Grains Category

1. Raw Grains for each different type of grain
2. Flour (Grain-Based) for each different type of grain
3. Bread
4. Pasta / Noodles
5. Breakfast Cereals / Foods (such as a box of corn flakes, frozen waffles, or pancake mix)
6. Infant Cereal (*not commonly stocked*)

Raw Grains (each counts as separate variety)	 Rice Rolled Oats Barley Bulgur Quinoa Wheat Germ Sorghum Buckwheat Farro
Flour (Grain-Based) (each counts as separate variety)	 Wheat Flour Semolina Flour Oat Flour Rice Flour Corn Flour
Bread (these all count as <i>just 1 variety</i>)	

Pasta/Noodles
(these all count as
just 1 variety)



Breakfast Cereals/Foods
(these all count as
just 1 variety)



Retailers Will Struggle to Meet 7 in Dairy Category

1. Perishable liquid milk (such as whole milk, 2% milk, 1% milk, skim milk, etc.) for each different type of mammal
2. Shelf-stable liquid milk (such as canned, evaporated, condensed, or boxed milk)
3. Cheese
4. Yogurt (non-liquid)
5. Butter
6. Infant formula *(not commonly stocked)*
7. Cream (other than butter, which would continue to be its own separate variety), such as heavy cream, sour cream, and half and half
8. Fermented or cultured dairy beverages, such as kefir, buttermilk, and yogurt-based drinks *(not commonly stocked)*
9. Dried milk, such as milk powder *(not commonly stocked)*
10. Plant-based alternative (only for up to three different dairy products listed above) *(not commonly stocked)*

Perishable liquid milk for each different type of mammal (each counts as separate variety)	Cow Goat Sheep Camel Water Buffalo
Shelf-Stable Liquid Milk (these all count as <i>just 1 variety</i>)	Evaporated Condensed Boxed Canned

Cheese (these all count as <i>just 1 variety</i>)	
Yogurt (Non-Liquid) (these all count as <i>just 1 variety</i>)	
Butter (can only count as <i>1 variety</i>)	
Cream (these all count as <i>just 1 variety</i>)	
Fermented or Cultured Dairy Beverages (these all count as <i>just 1 variety</i>)	