



Halal Foods in The Emergency Food Assistance Program

This document is not intended to be an instruction on halal dietary law. It is designed to provide a general overview of halal dietary law, as it relates to foods regularly available through The Emergency Food Assistance Program.

When serving communities through USDA’s The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), it is important to consider a participant’s perspective on cultural and religious practices around food. Participants choosing to follow a halal diet may not be able to take all items available through TEFAP.

Halal Diets

Halal diets typically do not permit pork products, alcohol and products that contain alcohol, or products containing ingredients that use non-halal animal-derived products. For example, some cheese products use an ingredient called rennet that is derived from an animal, therefore the cheese would not be acceptable to halal-observant communities.



Halal Certified Foods

Some USDA Foods are certified halal, meaning that the product is not only acceptable but has been processed in a facility that maintains the integrity of the halal certification. These items are identified on the Foods Available List with an “(H)” next to the item name.

Non-Certified Acceptable Halal Foods

Other products on the [TEFAP Foods Available List](#) may be acceptable to halal-observant communities without a halal certification, such as fresh produce, certain types of fish, and shell eggs. It is important to work with leaders in your community to identify what non-certified items will be acceptable to your participants, as levels of observance may vary between communities.

Halal Foods in TEFAP

The table on the next page shows the items available through TEFAP that may be acceptable to halal-observant communities. The six-digit number included with each food is the material code used for ordering in Web-Based Supply Chain Management.

For more information and resources, please visit the [TEFAP website](#). If you need additional information about participating in TEFAP in your area, please reach out to your [State Agency](#).





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Halal Certified

VEGETABLES

Tomato Sauce, Low Sodium, Canned (K)(H) – 110610

May Be Acceptable Without Certification

FRUITS

Applesauce, Unsweetened, Canned (K) – 100207

Apples, Fresh – 110561

Apples, Braeburn, Fresh – 100523

Oranges, Fresh – 100283

Apples, Empire, Fresh – 100517

Pears, Bartlett, Fresh – 111424

Apples, Fuji, Fresh – 100522

Pears, Bosc, Fresh – 111423

Apples, Gala, Fresh – 100521

Pears, D’Anjou, Fresh – 111422

Apples, Granny Smith, Fresh – 110543

Pears, Extra Light Syrup, Canned (K) – 100223

Apples, Red Delicious, Fresh – 100514

Pears, Fresh – 110560

VEGETABLES

Beans, Green, Low Sodium, Canned (K) – 100306

Potatoes, Round, Fresh – 101019

Corn, Whole Kernel, No Salt Added, Canned (K) – 100311

Potatoes, Russet, Fresh – 101017

Mixed Produce Box, Fresh – 111427

Sweet Potatoes, Fresh – 111058

LEGUMES

Beans, Garbanzo, Canned (K) – 111060

Beans, Lima, Baby, Dry – 100378

Beans, Black-eyed Pea, Dry – 100374

Beans, Pinto, Dry – 100382

Beans, Great Northern, Dry – 100380

Lentils, Dry – 100388

Beans, Kidney, Light Red, Dry – 100385

Peas, Green Split, Dry – 111055

PROTEIN

Peanut Butter, Smooth (K) – 111170

Eggs, Fresh – 100936

Salmon, Pink, Canned (K) – 110580

GRAINS

Flour, All Purpose, Enriched, Bleached – 100400

Pasta, Macaroni, Whole Grain – 101023

Flour, White Whole Wheat – 110857

Pasta, Rotini, Whole Grain – 110777

Grits, Corn, White – 111082

Pasta, Spaghetti, Enriched – 110450

Grits, Corn, yellow – 111072

Pasta, Spaghetti, Whole Grain – 101035

