

	MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM	ISSUED	REVISED	CHAPTER	SECTION
	EMERGENCY/HOMELESS SHELTERS POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL	6/1/02	4/09	7	7.7
CHAPTER Chapter 7. Meal Pattern		SUBJECT Processed Foods			

Processed foods such as breaded meat products, frozen pizza, ravioli, corndogs, or tamales cannot be counted toward fulfilling the meat/meat alternate requirement unless the shelter has documentation of the composition of the processed product. For breaded meat items, it is acceptable to remove the breading and weigh the amount of the cooked meat after the breading has been removed. For example: canned ravioli that does not have documentation for the amount of meat/meat alternate would need cooked ground beef and/or cheese added to ensure the appropriate amount of meat is included in the meal.

All documentation regarding processed foods must be maintained in the shelter files. If information is not available at the time of a monitoring review, meals containing the processed foods may be disallowed.

Home Canning or Processed Foods

Home canned food cannot be used in the CACFP or received as donations in the shelter. Home canned foods are at risk of being contaminated with harmful bacteria, especially if they are not properly handled before, during and after the canning process. Home canned and processed foods create a safety concern for children being served by the Program. Jams and jellies are included in the category of home canned foods.

Home butchered or home processed animals may not be served to participants in shelters. Only meat that has been butchered and processed in a USDA inspected facility may be used to feed shelter participants. The shelter must receive these meats from an approved source.