

Meat & Cheese Requirements on CACFP

Mechanically Separated, “A paste like and batter like meat product produced by forcing beef or pork bones, with attached edible meat, under pressure, through a sieve or similar device to separate the bone from the edible meat tissue.”



Mechanically Separated meats are NOT CREDITABLE on the CACFP. This applies to ALL meat that says “Mechanically Separated” on the ingredient list of your product.

Creditable Items are:

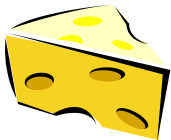
- All Beef Hot Dogs/Frankfurters
- All Beef Bologna
- Nothing Mechanically Separated



Must have CN Labels for:

- Salami
- Deli Style Sliced Meat
- Turkey Breast Lunch Meat
- Spiced Luncheon Loaf

If you buy Ground Beef in a roll or pre-made you must buy Ground Beef, Chopped Beef or Hamburger Patty. It is not creditable if you purchase items labeled Beef



Cheese—Buying What is Creditable

Cheese Food IS Creditable. This and whole cheese is all that will count.

Cheese Product and Imitation Cheese IS NOT creditable at all.

Wrapped cheese IS NOT full strength cheese. Your cheese can have paper in between it but cannot be wrapped.

Velveeta is now called cheese product and IS NOT creditable at all on the food program. It can, however, be used as an extra, but cannot be claimed as a component.