

**USDA** Commodity Food Fact Sheet for Schools & Child Nutrition Institutions

Milk Group

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## B065 – CHEESE, AMERICAN, PASTEURIZED, PROCESS, YELLOW, SLICED, 5 LB

CATEGORY	Meat/Meat Alternates	Get your calcium-rich foods MyPyramid.gov	
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	• Pasteurized process American cheese is a blend of fresh and aged natural cheese (such as cheddar, colby, etc.) that has been melted, pasteurized, and mixed with an emulsifier according to FDA's Standard of Identity.	Nutrition Information Cheese, pasteurized, process, American, without di sodium phosphate	
PACK/YIELD	<ul> <li>6/5 lb loaves per case.</li> <li>One 5 lb loaf AP provides about 80.0 1-oz servings sliced cheese.</li> </ul>	Calories	1 oz (28 g) 106
	• One lb AP provides about 16.0 1-oz servings sliced cheese.	Protein Carbohydrate	6.28 g 0.45 g
STORAGE	<ul> <li>CN Crediting: 1 oz cheese provides 1 oz-equivalent meat/meat alternate.</li> <li>Store cheese in its original container at 41 °F or lower until needed.</li> </ul>	Dietary Fiber Sugars	0 g 0.14 g
	<ul> <li>Protect cheeses from mold and dehydration by preventing exposure to air, wrapping tightly with plastic film without air pockets, using new plastic wrap each time opened, placing wrapped cheese in sealed container, and always working in clean area.</li> <li>Use First-In-First-Out (FIFO) storage practices to ensure use of older product first.</li> </ul>	Total Fat Saturated Fat <i>Trans</i> Fat Cholesterol	8.86 g 5.58 g N/A 27 mg
		Iron Calcium Sodium Magnesium	0.05 mg 156 mg 422 mg 8 mg
		Potassium Vitamin A Vitamin A Vitamin C Vitamin E	48 mg 272 IU 72 RAE 0 mg 0.08 mg



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PREPARATION/ COOKING INSTRUCTIONS	<ul> <li>Pasteurized process cheese is milder in flavor and softer in body than the natural cheese from which it was made and has good melting properties.</li> <li>Cook dishes containing cheese at low temperatures since cheese toughens and gets stringy at high temperatures.</li> </ul>	
USES AND TIPS	<ul> <li>Process cheeses can be frozen; however, freezing is not recommended, because there will be changes in body and texture due to crystallization of moisture during freezing.</li> <li>Serve as is in sandwiches, with fruit, or as a garnish for vegetable and fruit salads.</li> </ul>	
FOOD SAFETY INFORMATION	• If sliced cheese loaf contains mold, remove a 1 inch section of cheese slices around and below the mold spot, and recover the cheese in fresh wrap. When removing contaminated cheese, make sure not to touch the mold itself to avoid cross-contamination with other parts of the cheese.	
BEST IF USED BY GUIDANCE	<ul> <li>For guidance on how to effectively manage, store, and maintain USDA commodities, please visit the FDD Website at: <u>http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/facts/biubguidance.htm</u>.</li> <li>For additional information on product dating, go to page 6 of <i>Choice Plus Food Safety Supplement</i> at: <u>http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/choice-plus-food-safety-supplement.pdf</u>.</li> </ul>	

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