

Storage Times for Refrigerated Foods

NOTE: These short but safe time limits will help keep home-refrigerated food from spoiling or becoming dangerous to eat.

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Eggs		
Fresh, in shell	3-5 weeks	
Raw yolks, whites	2-4 days	
Hard-cooked	1 week	
Liquid pasteurized eggs, egg substitutes	Unopened, 10 days Opened, 3 days	
Cooked egg dishes	3-4 days	
Mayonnaise, commercial, opened	2 months	
Deli and Vacuum-Packed Products		
Store-prepared (or homemade) egg, chicken, tuna, ham, and macaroni salads	3-5 days	
Pre-stuffed pork, lamb chops, and chicken breasts	1 day	
Store-cooked dinners and entrees	3-4 days	
Commercial brand vacuum-packed dinners with/USDA seal, unopened	2 weeks	
Raw Hamburger, Ground and Stew Meat		
Ground beef, turkey, veal, pork, lamb	1-2 days	
Stew meats	1-2 days	
Ham, Corned Beef		
Ham, canned, labeled "Keep Refrigerated"	Unopened, 6-9 months Opened, 3-5 days	
Ham, fully cooked, whole	7 days	
Ham, fully cooked, half	3-5 days	
Ham, fully cooked, slices	3-4 days	

Corned beef in pouch with pickling juices	5-7 days	
Hot Dogs and Luncheon Meats		
Hot dogs	Unopened package, 2 weeks Opened package, 1 week	
Luncheon meats	Unopened package, 2 weeks Opened package, 3-5 days	
Bacon and Sausage		
Bacon	7 days	
Sausage, raw from meat or poultry	1-2 days	
Smoked breakfast links, patties	7 days	
Summer sausage labeled "Keep Refrigerated"	Unopened, 3 months Opened, 3 weeks	
Hard sausage (such as Pepperoni)	2-3 weeks	
Cooked Meat, Poultry, and Fish Leftovers		
Pieces and cooked casseroles	3-4 days	
Gravy and broth, patties, and nuggets	1-2 days	
Soups and Stews	3-4 days	
Fresh Meat (Beef, Veal, Lamb, and Pork)		
Steaks, chops, roasts	3-5 days	
Variety meats (Tongue, kidneys, liver, heart, chitterlings)	1-2 days	
Fresh Poultry		
Chicken or turkey, whole	1-2 days	
Chicken or turkey, parts	1-2 days	
Giblets	1-2 days	
Fresh Fish and Shellfish		
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