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IFSAC Food Categories with Examples

(Not all food examples below have been linked to outbreaks, and many foods not shown below have been linked to outbreaks.)

This categorization scheme¹ updates a former scheme² to include more specific information.

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DAIRY

Solid/semisolid dairy products hard and soft cheese Fluid Milk whole mik, skim milk

EGGS

Shell Eggs whole shell eggs
Egg Products egg whites in cartons

MEAT-POULTRY

Meat

Beef ground beef, steaks Pork bacon, hams Other meat lambs, goats

Poultry

Chicken whole chickens, chicken deli meats
Turkey turkey hot dogs, whole turkeys
Other poultry ducks, ostriches
Game wild boars, venison

FISH

Siluriformes catfish Other Fish grouper, tuna

SHELLFISH

Crustaceans crabs, lobster **Mollusks**

Bivalve clams, oysters
Non-bivalve octopuses, squid
OTHER AQUATIC ANIMALS frogs, jellyfish

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OILS-SUGARS *olive oils*, *canola oils*, *sugars*, *honey* **PRODUCE**

Vegetables

Fungi portabellas, button mushrooms Sprouts alfalfa sprouts, mung bean sprouts Root-underground

Roots carrots, beets
Tubers potatoes, yams
Bulbs garlic, onions
Other ginger, taro

Seeded vegetables

Vine-grown squashes, cucumbers Solanaceous tomatoes, peppers Legumes lima beans, snow peas Other okras, sweet corns

Herbs *basil*, *cilantro* Vegetable row crops

Flowers artichokes, broccoli Stems asparagus, celeries Leafy lettuce, spinach

Fruits

Melons cantaloupes, watermelons Pomes apples, pears Stones apricots, cherries Small blueberries, strawberries Tropical bananas, mangoes Sub-tropical avocadoes, oranges

GRAINS-BEANS

Grains *rice*, *wheat*

Beans pinto beans, black beans

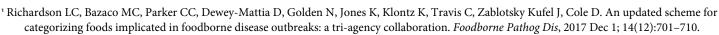
NUTS-SEEDS

Nuts *peanuts*, *almonds*

Seeds sesame seeds, pumpkin seeds



OTHER FOODS ice, alcohol, dietary supplements



² Painter JA, Ayers T, Woodruff R, Blanton E, Perez N, Hoekstra R, Griffin PM, Braden C. Recipes for fooodborne outbreaks: a scheme for categorizing and grouping implicated foods. *Foodborne Pathog Dis*, 2009; 6:1259-64.





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