

The following table displays the process categories and the types of finished products that can be present in a process category.

Finished Product Types by Process Category				
Process Categories	Finished Products			
	Raw Product	NRTE Product	RTE Products	Thermally Processed Product
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Raw -Non Intact (Raw Ground)	.			
Raw -Intact (Raw Not Ground)	.			
Thermally Processed -Commercially Sterile				.
Not Heat-Treated - Shelf Stable		.	.	
Heat Treated – Shelf Stable		.	.	
Fully Cooked -Not Shelf Stable			.	
Heat Treated but Not Fully Cooked – Not Shelf Stable		.		
Product with Secondary Inhibitors -Not Shelf Stable		.	.	
Eggs/Egg Products	Not Applicable			

Ready to Eat applies to any product intended for human consumption without further preparation steps.

Note: Products that appear fully cooked or are customarily consumed without further preparation, but the label does not include cooking instructions, are by default considered RTE.

RTE fully cooked means that the products have been sufficiently cooked so that they are safe to eat as they are, with no further preparation required by the consumer. Note: Many of these products are customarily eaten hot, and heating instructions may be included on the label.

Some frozen RTE products require reheating for palatability. These frozen products are still safe to eat without this further preparation by the consumer and are therefore still considered RTE. Some examples include: fully cooked hams, cooked beef, roast beef, pastrami, corned beef, hot dogs, meat loaves, meat and poultry salads, sliced luncheon meats, baked chicken, frozen entrees, and poultry rolls.

Fresh or frozen entrees with fully cooked meat or poultry portions combined with fully cooked sauces, vegetables, pasta, or other ingredients are RTE products. These products are designed to be re-heated by the consumer, and may include instructions for re-heating.

Not Ready to Eat applies to products with cooking instructions or labeled with statements on the principal display panel such as "Cook Thoroughly, Cook and Serve, Not Ready to Eat, or For Safety and Quality- follow these cooking instructions." These products are considered NRTE. Certain NRTE products are required to bear safe handling instructions (SHI).

Some NRTE finished products are heat treated but are not fully cooked. These NRTE products should have sufficient labeling information to inform the consumer that the product must be cooked for safety. This information may be contained within the product name on the principal display panel, and may contain cooking instructions that refer to cooking the product for safety rather than heating the product for best quality. The product often times may bear a safe handling instruction.

Some NRTE finished products are prepared with both meat/poultry components that have received a lethality treatment in combination with non-meat/poultry components that need to receive a lethality treatment. These multi- component products, e.g., meals, dinners, and entrees, have labeling features which are conspicuous so that intended users are fully aware that the product must be cooked for safety. The principle display panel on the label defines these products, e.g., "Cook and Serve, "Must be thoroughly cooked," "Cook before eating", and the product should include cooking instructions when required.

Processors should refer to http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wp-content/connect/ebb99e17-40f9-4528-ac0f-0b7331d871d6/Resource_1.pdf?MOD=AJPERES for guidance on the labeling of NRTE products.

Raw Product - Non-Intact

[HACCP] Process Category	[Finished] Product Category	Species	Product Group
Raw - Non Intact	Raw ground comminuted or otherwise non-intact Siluriformes	Siluriformes - Ictaluridae (Catfish), Siluriformes - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground Product • Non-Intact Cuts • Other Non-Intact
	Raw ground, comminuted, or otherwise non-intact beef	Beef, Veal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Meat Recovery Product (AMR) • Beef Patty Product • Bench Trim from non-intact • Finely Textured Beef • Formed Steaks • Ground Beef • Hamburger • Low Temperature Rendered Product • Non-Intact Cuts • Other Non-Intact • Partially Defatted Beef Fatty Tissue (PDBFT) • Partially Defatted Chopped Beef (PDCB) • Sausage • Trimmings from Non-Intact
	Raw ground, comminuted, or otherwise non-intact chicken	Chicken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground Product • Mechanically Separated (Species) • Other Non-Intact • Sausage
	Raw ground, comminuted, or otherwise non-intact meat - other (sheep, goat)	Goat, Lamb, Mutton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Meat Recovery Product (AMR) • Ground Product • Mechanically Separated • Other Non-Intact • Sausage
	Raw ground, comminuted, or otherwise non-intact pork	Pork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Meat Recovery Product (AMR) • Ground Product • Mechanically Separated • Other Non-Intact • Sausage
	Raw ground, comminuted, or otherwise non-intact poultry - other (ducks, geese, squab)	Duck, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground Product • Mechanically Separated (Species) • Other Non-Intact • Sausage
	Raw ground, comminuted, or otherwise non-intact turkey	Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground Product • Mechanically Separated (Species) • Other Non-Intact • Sausage

Raw Product - Intact

[HACCP] Process Category	[Finished] Product Category	Species	Product Group
Raw - Intact	Raw intact beef	Beef, Veal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boneless Manufacturing Trimmings • Carcass (including carcass halves or quarters) • Cheek Meat • Cuts • Edible Offal • Head Meat • Heart Meat • Other Intact • Primals and Subprimals • Weasand Meat
	Raw intact chicken	Chicken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boneless and/or Skinless Parts • Boneless Manufacturing Trimmings • Poultry parts (including necks/feet & giblets) • Whole Bird
	Raw intact meat - other	Siluriformes - Ictaluridae (Catfish), Siluriformes - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuts • Other Intact • Whole Fish
	Raw intact meat - other (sheep, goat)	Goat, Lamb, Mutton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boneless Manufacturing Trimmings • Carcass (including carcass halves or quarters) • Cuts • Edible Offal • Other Intact • Primals and Subprimals
	Raw intact pork	Pork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boneless Manufacturing Trimmings • Carcass (including carcass halves or quarters) • Cuts • Edible Offal • Other Intact • Primals and Subprimals
	Raw intact poultry - other (ducks, geese, squab)	Duck, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boneless and/or Skinless Parts • Boneless Manufacturing Trimmings • Poultry parts (including necks/feet & giblets) • Whole Bird
	Raw intact turkey	Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boneless and/or Skinless Parts • Boneless Manufacturing Trimmings • Poultry parts (including necks/feet & giblets) • Whole Bird

Thermally Processed - Commercially Sterile

[HACCP] Process Category	[Finished] Product Category	Species	Product Group
Thermally Processed/Commercially Sterile	Thermally processed, commercially sterile	Beef, Veal, Chicken, Duck, Goat, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea, Lamb, Mutton, Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corned (species) • Other • Sausage • Soups
		Siluriformes - Ictaluridae (Catfish), Siluriformes - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other
		Pork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corned (species) • Ham • Other • Sausage • Soups

Not Heat Treated - Shelf Stable

[HACCP] Process Category	[Finished] Product Category	Species	Product Group
Not Heat Treated - Shelf Stable	NRTE otherwise processed meat	Beef, Veal, Goat, Lamb, Mutton, Pork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacon • Meals/Dinners/Entrees • Other • Pies/Pot Pies • Rendered Fats, Oils • Sandwiches/Filled Rolls/Wraps • Sauces • Smoked Parts • Soups
		Siluriformes - Ictaluridae (Catfish), Siluriformes - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals/Dinners/Entrees • Other
	NRTE otherwise processed poultry	Chicken, Duck, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea, Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacon • Meals/Dinners/Entrees • Other • Pies/Pot Pies • Rendered Fats, Oils • Sandwiches/Filled Rolls/Wraps • Sauces • Smoked Parts • Soups
	RTE acidified / fermented meat (without cooking)	Beef, Veal, Goat, Lamb, Mutton, Pork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other - Not sliced • Other - Sliced • Sausage/Salami - Not sliced • Sausage/Salami - Sliced
		Siluriformes - Ictaluridae (Catfish), Siluriformes - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sausage/Salami
	RTE acidified / fermented poultry (without cooking)	Chicken, Duck, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea, Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other - Not sliced • Other - Sliced • Sausage/Salami - Not sliced • Sausage/Salami - Sliced
	RTE dried meat	Beef, Veal, Goat, Lamb, Mutton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jerky • Other - Not sliced • Other - Sliced
		Siluriformes - Ictaluridae (Catfish), Siluriformes - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other
		Pork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ham - Not sliced • Ham - Sliced • Jerky • Other - Not sliced • Other - Sliced

Not Heat Treated - Shelf Stable

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Not Heat Treated - Shelf Stable	RTE dried poultry	Chicken, Duck, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea, Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jerky • Other - Not sliced • Other - Sliced
	RTE salt-cured meat	Beef, Veal, Goat, Lamb, Mutton, Pork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not-sliced • Sliced
		Siluriformes - Ictaluridae (Catfish), Siluriformes - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other
	RTE salt-cured poultry	Chicken, Duck, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea, Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not-sliced • Sliced

Heat Treated - Shelf Stable

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Heat Treated - Shelf Stable	NRTE otherwise processed meat	Beef, Veal, Goat, Lamb, Mutton, Pork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacon • Meals/Dinners/Entrees • Other • Pies/Pot Pies • Rendered Fats, Oils • Sandwiches/Filled Rolls/Wraps • Sauces • Smoked Parts • Soups
		Siluriformes - Ictaluridae (Catfish), Siluriformes - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals/Dinners/Entrees • Other
	NRTE otherwise processed poultry	Chicken, Duck, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea, Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacon • Meals/Dinners/Entrees • Other • Pies/Pot Pies • Rendered Fats, Oils • Sandwiches/Filled Rolls/Wraps • Sauces • Smoked Parts • Soups
	RTE acidified / fermented meat (without cooking)	Beef, Veal, Goat, Lamb, Mutton, Pork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other - Not sliced • Other - Sliced • Sausage/Salami - Not sliced • Sausage/Salami - Sliced
		Siluriformes - Ictaluridae (Catfish), Siluriformes - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sausage/Salami
	RTE acidified / fermented poultry (without cooking)	Chicken, Duck, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea, Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other - Not sliced • Other - Sliced • Sausage/Salami - Not sliced • Sausage/Salami - Sliced
	RTE dried meat	Beef, Veal, Goat, Lamb, Mutton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jerky • Other - Not sliced • Other - Sliced
		Siluriformes - Ictaluridae (Catfish), Siluriformes - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other
		Pork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ham - Not sliced • Ham - Sliced • Jerky • Other - Not sliced • Other - Sliced

Heat Treated - Shelf Stable (Con't)

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Heat Treated - Shelf Stable	RTE dried poultry	Chicken, Duck, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea, Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jerky • Other - Not sliced • Other - Sliced
	RTE salt-cured meat	Beef, Veal, Goat, Lamb, Mutton, Pork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not-sliced • Sliced
		Siluriformes - Ictaluridae (Catfish), Siluriformes - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other
	RTE salt-cured poultry	Chicken, Duck, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea, Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not-sliced • Sliced

Fully Cooked - Not Shelf Stable

[HACCP] Process Category	[Finished] Product Category	Species	Product Group
Fully Cooked - Not Shelf Stable	RTE fully-cooked meat	Beef, Veal, Goat, Lamb, Mutton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diced/Shredded • Hot Dog Products • Meat + Nonmeat Component • Nuggets • Other Fully cooked not sliced product • Other Fully cooked sliced product • Parts • Patties • Salad/Spread/Pate • Sausage Products
		Siluriformes - Ictaluridae (Catfish), Siluriformes - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diced/Shredded • Nuggets • Other
		Pork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diced/Shredded • Ham Patties • Ham, Not Sliced • Ham, Sliced • Hot Dog Products • Meat + Nonmeat Component • Nuggets • Other Fully cooked not sliced product • Other Fully cooked sliced product • Parts • Patties • Salad/Spread/Pate • Sausage Products
	RTE fully-cooked poultry	Chicken, Duck, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea, Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diced/Shredded • Hot Dog Products • Other Fully cooked not sliced product • Other Fully cooked sliced product • Parts • Patties/Nuggets • Poultry + Nonpoultry Component • Salad/Spread/Pate • Sausage Products

Fully Cooked - Not Shelf Stable

[HACCP] Process Category	[Finished] Product Category	Species	Product Group
Fully Cooked - Not Shelf Stable	RTE meat fully-cooked without subsequent exposure to the environment	Beef, Veal, Goat, Lamb, Mutton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diced/Shredded • Hot Dog Products • Meat + Nonmeat Component • Nuggets • Other Fully cooked not sliced product • Other Fully cooked sliced product • Parts • Patties • Salad/Spread/Pate • Sausage Products
	RTE meat fully-cooked without subsequent exposure to the environment	Siluriformes - Ictaluridae (Catfish), Siluriformes - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diced/Shredded • Nuggets • Other
		Pork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diced/Shredded • Ham Patties • Ham, Not Sliced • Ham, Sliced • Hot Dog Products • Meat + Nonmeat Component • Nuggets • Other Fully cooked not sliced product • Other Fully cooked sliced product • Parts • Patties • Salad/Spread/Pate • Sausage Products
RTE poultry fully-cooked without subsequent exposure to the environment	Chicken, Duck, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea, Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diced/Shredded • Hot Dog Products • Other Fully cooked not sliced product • Other Fully cooked sliced product • Parts • Patties/Nuggets • Poultry + Nonpoultry Component • Salad/Spread/Pate • Sausage Products 	

Heat Treated - Not Fully Cooked - Not Shelf Stable

[HACCP] Process Category	[Finished] Product Category	Species	Product Group
Heat Treated - Not Fully Cooked - Not Shelf Stable	NRTE otherwise processed meat	Beef, Veal, Goat, Lamb, Mutton, Pork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacon • Meals/Dinners/Entrees • Other • Pies/Pot Pies • Rendered Fats, Oils • Sandwiches/Filled Rolls/Wraps • Sauces • Sausage Products • Smoked Parts • Soups
		Siluriformes - Ictaluridae (Catfish), Siluriformes - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other
	NRTE otherwise processed poultry	Chicken, Duck, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea, Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacon • Meals/Dinners/Entrees • Other • Pies/Pot Pies • Rendered Fats, Oils • Sandwiches/Filled Rolls/Wraps • Sauces • Sausages • Smoked Parts • Soups

Product with Secondary Inhibitors - Not Shelf Stable

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Product with Secondary Inhibitors - Not Shelf Stable	NRTE otherwise processed meat	Beef, Veal, Goat, Lamb, Mutton, Pork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacon • Meals/Dinners/Entrees • Other • Pies/Pot Pies • Rendered Fats, Oils • Sandwiches/Filled Rolls/Wraps • Sauces • Smoked Parts • Soups
		Siluriformes - Ictaluridae (Catfish), Siluriformes - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other
	NRTE otherwise processed poultry	Chicken, Duck, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea, Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacon • Meals/Dinners/Entrees • Other • Pies/Pot Pies • Rendered Fats, Oils • Sandwiches/Filled Rolls/Wraps • Sauces • Smoked Parts • Soups
	RTE salt-cured meat	Beef, Veal, Goat, Lamb, Mutton, Pork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not-sliced • Sliced
		Siluriformes - Ictaluridae (Catfish), Siluriformes - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other
	RTE salt-cured poultry	Chicken, Duck, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea, Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not-sliced • Sliced

Eggs/Egg Products

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Eggs/Egg Products	Egg Products	Chicken, Duck, Goose, Guinea, Squab, Emu, Ostrich, Rhea, Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dried - Egg products (blends of whole egg, egg whites, and/or yolks, w/wo added ingredients) • Dried - Egg whites (with or w/o added ingredients) • Dried - Whole egg (w/wo added ingredients) • Dried - Yolk (w/wo added ingredients) • Pasteurized (Frozen or Liquid) - Egg products (blends of whole egg, egg whites, and/or yolks, w/wo added ingredients) • Pasteurized (Frozen or Liquid) - Egg whites (w/wo added ingredients) • Pasteurized (Frozen or Liquid) - Whole egg (w/wo added ingredients) • Pasteurized (Frozen or Liquid) - Yolk (w/wo added ingredients) • Pasteurized (Tanker/Large Totes) - Egg products (blends of whole egg, egg whites, and/or yolks, w/wo added ingredients) • Pasteurized (Tanker/Large Totes) - Egg whites (w/wo added ingredients) • Pasteurized (Tanker/Large Totes) - Whole egg (w/wo added ingredients) • Pasteurized (Tanker/Large Totes) - Yolk (w/wo added ingredients) • Unpasteurized (Frozen or Liquid) - Egg products (blends of whole egg, egg whites, and/or yolks, w/wo added ingredients) • Unpasteurized (Frozen or Liquid) - Egg whites (w/wo added ingredients) • Unpasteurized (Frozen or Liquid) - Whole egg (w/wo added ingredients) • Unpasteurized (Frozen or Liquid) - Yolk (w/wo added ingredients) • Unpasteurized (Tanker/Large Totes) - Egg products (blends of whole egg, egg whites, and/or yolks, w/wo added ingredients) • Unpasteurized (Tanker/Large Totes) - Egg whites (w/wo added ingredients) • Unpasteurized (Tanker/Large Totes) - Whole egg (w/wo added ingredients) • Unpasteurized (Tanker/Large Totes) - Yolk (w/wo added ingredients)