Balance Your Plate On A Budget


Build balanced meals for a family of four that meet U.S. Dietary
Guidelines for less than $\$ 180$ a week, about $\$ 26$ a day or less t
$\$ 2$ per meal, per person.

Balance Your Plate meal plans and shopping lists take the guesswork out of meal planning, so you can enjoy the foods you love while helping you meet U.S. Dietary Guidelines. Our weekly meal plans ensure you get a variety of foods from all food groups and make balanced nutrition easy.


With our new On a Budget meal plans, it's easy to shop smarter.
Use our 14 daily meal plans to build balanced meals for a family of four using your favorite frozen meals each day combined with fruits, vegetables, whole grains and dairy. And all for less than \$180 a week!

Our On a Budget meal plans are developed with your family in mind. Each member in a family has unique caloric needs and portion sizes may differ because of this.

Our meal plans have been developed with the following calorie levels in mind*:
2,000 calories ("mom"),
in 2,200 calories ("dad"),
it 1,800 calories (child, age 9-11),
it 1,600 calories (child, age 6-8).

2-WEEK SHOPPING LIST INSIDE

Daily Nutrition Summary


|  | Amount Per Day | \% DV* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Fat: | 71 g | 109\% |
| Saturated Fat: | 18 g | 90\% |
| Trans Fat: | 0 g |  |
| Cholesterol: | 265 mg | 88\% |
| Sodium: | 2,020 mg | 84\% |
| Protein: | 789 |  |
| Total Carb: | 2819 | 94\% |
| Dietary Fiber: | \%39 ${ }^{39}$ | 156\% |
| Vitamin A : | 8.21010 | 160\% |
| Vitamin C: | 161 mg | 270\% |
| Calcium: | 1,337 mg | ${ }^{133 \%}$ |
| *Percent oily | based |  |






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riainand inse white beans. Cook soup and beans i medium sacuepan
on medium heat until heated through
-4 cupps cooked broccoli ifrom frozen
-1 Thsp. olive oil






1. Scrambled eggs


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Beat eggs and milk
matil well blenden Heat margarine in inn-sticic p pan on
medium hear until imelted Pư in eg medium heat until metted. Pour in in
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2. White bean-vegetable soup


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## 3. Broccoli tossed with olive <br> .

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Daily Menu Cost: $\$ 25.17$ Menu pricing is based on actual amounts
of food used in the family meal plans.







































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## 1 Sliced Swiss cheese 1 oz．slice







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2,000 Calorie
Daily Plan Daily Plan 1 sandwich 1 cup yogurt 1 cup juice
1 cup soup
2 slices bread 2 slices cheese
2 tsp. spread 1 medium apple Water
$1 /$ cup filling
1 bun 1 bun
2 cups salad 2 cups salad
1 Tbsp. dressing

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1,800 Calorie on
Daily Plan 1 sandwich $1 /$ cup yogurt $1 / 2$ cup strawber $3 /$ Cup soup
2 slices bread
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2 slices cheese 2 sices cheese
2 tsp. spread
1 medium apple Wat Water
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1 bun
2 2 cups salad
1 Tbsp. dressing 1 Tbsp. dres
$3 / 4$ cup milk

| 1 bar |
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| $1 / 202$ peanuts |

1,600 Calorie Daily Plan
$1 / 2$ cup yogurt $1 / 2$ cup yogurt 1/2cup strawbe $3 / 4$ cup soup

1 slice bread
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1 tsp. spread 1 sp. spread
1 medium apple Water
$1 /$ cupfiling
1 bun 1 bun
1 cup salad 1 cup salad
2 tsp. dressing 2 tsp. dressing
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bar
$1 / 20$ 2. peanuts

1. Tomato spinach soup soup.reduced sodiu
-2 cups $1 \%$ mik
 Combine condensed soup and milk
in a medim saucenan Heatover
medium-hioh heat untid staning hot medium-high hearetuntil steanining hot.
Stirin choped spinat and serve.
2. Sloppy Joe filling


- 1 tsp. dried rosemary

Cook ground beef in a non-stick skiller
over medium
high heat breaking
 browned. Draind dippings from the
pan and Strir in Sloppy Joe sauce and


3. Garden salad | -6 cups chopped romaine |
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| -3, cup choped cuucumbe | C.3. cup chopoped tomatoos

Combine sald ingerient in large
bowl. Toss genty with dressing.
4. Balsamic vinaigrette


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Combine ingredients in a covered
containerand s shake well.




2,200 Calorie
Daily Plan
of 1 sandwich 1 cup yogurt $1 / 2$ cup strawb
11/2cups soup
$11 / 2$ cups soup
 2 tsp. spread

1 medium apple | 1 medium apple |
| :--- |
| Water |

$1 /$ cup filling
1 bun
$1 /$ cup
1 bun
2 cups salad 2 cups salad
1 Tbsp. dressing
Water

1 bar
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| 1 bar |
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| $1 / 2 z$ peanuts |



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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Fat: | 51 g | 78\% |
| Saturated fat: | 18 g | 90\% |
| Cholesterol: | ${ }_{295}{ }^{\text {mg }}$ | 98\% |
| Sodium: | 1,850 mg | 77\% |
| Protein: | 89 g |  |
| Total Carb: | 3029 | 101\% |
| Dietary Fiber: | ${ }^{27} 27$ | 108\% |
| Vitamin A : | 12,73510 | 250\% |
| Vitamin C: | . 133 mg | 220\% |
| Calcium: Iron: | $1,3,39 \mathrm{mg}$ 30.1 mg | 140\% $170 \%$ |
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1 ²/cups cereal
cup milk
1 medium banana
cup juice
2 slices bread $1 /$ cup tuna
2 slices $/ 1$ leaf
1 cup veggies
1 cup pea
Water
2 slices pizza
$1 / 2$ cup broccoli
$1 /$ cup broccolin $1 / 2$ cup pepper
2 Thsp. dip
1 cup milk
1 cup yogurt
1 cookie
cookie

| 2,000 Calorie |
| :--- |
| Daily Plan | $11 / 2$ cups cereal 1 cup milk 1 cup milk

1 egg 1 medium banana 1 cupp jice

2 slices bread $1 /$ cup tuna
2 slices $/ 1$ leaf
1 cup veggies
1 cup pears
Water
1 slice pizza
$1 / 2$ cup broccoli $1 / 2$ cup pepper 2 Tbsp. dip 1 cup yogurt 1 cookie

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Daily Plan 1 cups cereal
1 cup milk 1 egg
1 medium banana
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1 cookie

Daily Plan
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1 cup milk
1 medium banana
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2 slices brea $1 /$ cup tuna
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1 cup veggies 1/2cup pears
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1 cookie
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| Daily Plan $\quad$ on |
| 1 muffin |
| 1 Tbsp．spread |
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| 1 cup yogurt |
| 0 | 2 oz．turkey

1 or．slice 1 Tbsp．mayonnaise
2sices／ 2 leaves
1 medium banana 1 medium bana
1 waterving
1 small potato 2 tsp．spread
1 Tbsp．sour cream 1 Tbsp．sour cream
1 cup broccoii 3 cups popcorn 1 cup grapes

1，600 Calorie
Daily Plan
$\overline{1 / 2 \text { muffin }}$
1 Tbsp．spread
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／2cup juice

2 slices 202．turkey
1 oz．slice

1 serving
1 small potato
1 tsp．spread 1 tsp．spread
1 Tbsp．sour cream $1 / 2$ cup broccoli 1 cup milk 3 cups popcorn $1 / 2$ cup grapes

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|  | Amount Per Day | v* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Fat: | ${ }^{74} \mathrm{~g}$ | 114\% |
| Saturated Fat: | 27 g 1.5 g | 135\% |
| Cholesterol: | 165 mg | 5\% |
| Sodium: | 2,270 mg |  |
|  | 879 |  |
| Totat Carb ${ }^{\text {Pietary Fiber: }}$ | ${ }^{2659}$ | - ${ }_{\text {185\% }}$ |
| Vitamin A : | 17,323 IU | 350\% |
| Vitamin C: | 104 mg | 170\% |
| Calcium: | 1,850 mg | \% |
| Iron: | 15.3 mg | 0\% |



Percent Daily Value (IVV) rere based on a 2.000 calorie diet.

Daily Nutrition Summary
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| 1,800 Calorie |
| :--- |
| Daily Plan | $3 / 4$ cup oatmeal

1 medium banana 1 egg
$1 / 2$ cup juice

1 oz. chips $1 / 4$ cup salsa $1 / 2$ cup peppers
$1 / 2$ cup pineapple
Water
1 serving
2 cups salad
1 Thsp vinaigre $\frac{1 \text { cup mik }}{1 \text { medium apple }}$ 1 medium apple
1 Tbsp. peanut
butter

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Daily Menu Cost: $\$ 27.26$

1,600 Calorie
Daily Plan
$3 /$ cup oatmeal
1 medium bananan
1 egg

1/202. chips $1 / 4$ cup salsa
$1 / 2$ cup pineapple
Water
tups. vinaigrette
oz. roll
1 tsp. spread
1 cup mik
1 medium apple
1 Tbsp. peanut
Tbsp. peanut
butter


1. Creamy oatmeal
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medium heatuntil boing. Add oats
 and siimer until thickened. about
5 minutes. Stir in brown sugara and 5 minutes. risins.
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2. Garden salad
 Combine sapad ingondieness in large
bowl. Toss genty with tressing
3. Balsamic vinaigrette

- 3Tbsp. olive oil

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containerand shake well.
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 -40 ．turkey beast，cut it to strips -1 cup chopped tomatoes


 1 cup chopped tomatoes
1／4 cup Ranch dissing
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2．Grilled chicken breast
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2．Bean，cheese，and vegetable
burritos


## 3．Mashed potatoes







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 1／202．chips
21 Tbsp ．salsa

$1 / 5$ vacacado | $1 /$ avocado |
| :--- |
| Water |

1 serving
$1 /$ cup potatoes
$1 / 2$ cup carrots
$1 / 2$ cup carrot
1 or roll
1 tsp．spread
1 cup milk 1 cup milk
$1 / 2$ cup yogurt $1 / 2$ cup strawberries
1 bar


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－ 1 can black beans，unsalted，trained
－and rinses diced bell peppers approx
 － 1 tsp．vegetable oil Heat vegetable io in in a large skillet over
medium heat．Add peppers and onion
 Place $1 /$ of the cooked．vegetables，about
$1 /$ sup of black beans ，and about 2 Toss．
 tortilla t tightly around filing．Heat the
burrito in int microwave on ing h of bour 30 seconds，orwwapped in foil in the oven，
until heated through and chess is melted
-3 medium poptatases pelee and

Cover potatoes with water in medium
saucepan．Bring to a boil over high heat．
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margarine．




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Use this meal plan as a reference
to help you meet the U.S. Dietary Guidelines.


Daily Nutrition Summary
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|  | Amount Per Day | \% DV* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Fat: | 67 g | 13\% |
| Saturated Fat: | 219 |  |
| Trans Fat: | 05 |  |
| olesterol: | 105 mg | 35\% |
| Sodium: | 2,200 m |  |
| Protein: | ${ }^{979}$ |  |
| Total Carb: | 2709 |  |
| Vitamin A : | 12.223 JU | 240\% |
|  |  | 300\% |
| Calcium: | 1,287 mg | ${ }^{130 \%}$ |
|  | 12.7 mg |  |

## Jaily Meal Plan


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stir Reduce heat to low, cover, and



| 1,600 Calorie |
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| Daily Plan | $1 / 2$ muffin

1 Tbsp.peanut
butter
1 stiri in salsa.

1. Beeff faiitas


- 5 - -inch flour tortililas
-1 cups bell pepperstrips
-1 cups siced onion
-1 cups siliced onion
-1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 Thsp. Vevetialale iv il
cheose sul shrededed cheddar
cheese
Heat 1 tsp. oil in large skilet over
 onions and suate until softened, abot
3 miniutses Remeve form pana and set
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 and add beef strips. Suté until 1 no
longuer pink, bout 4 minutes. Divide cookered beef strips and vegetathles
between the 5 torililas and sprinkle


2. Spanish rice

 ${ }_{1}$ butter yogurt | 1 cup yogurt |
| :--- |
| $3 / 4$ cup juice | 1 sandwich

2 Tbsp. hummus $1 / 4$ cup carrots
$1 / 4$ cup broccoli $1 / 4$ cup milk

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 $1 /$ cup rice1/4avoado
Water 1 piece
1 cup grapes
to $1 / 2$ inch

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$\underline{\underline{1} \text { piece }} 1$
-1 cup


|  | Amount Per Day | \% DV* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Fat: | 60 g | 92\% |
| Saturated fat: | 199 |  |
| ns at : | 15 |  |
| Sodiestero: | 1.5 mg | 82\% |
| Protein: | 889 |  |
| Total Carb: | 2799 | 3\% |
| Dietary Fibe | 11209 ${ }^{239}$ | -92\% ${ }^{920}$ |
| Vitamin C: | 195 mg | 330\% |
| Calcium: | 1,469 mg | \% |
| Iron: | 11.5 mg | 60\% | oaily Nutrition Summary 1,950




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Daily Menu Cost: $\$ 24.32$







| 1,600 Calorie |
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| Daily Plan | $1 / 2$ cup eggs

1 slice toast 1 slice toast
1 Tbsp. peanut 1 Tbsp. peanut
butter 1 medium banana $\frac{1 \text { cup milk }}{1 \text { slice pizza }}$ $11 / 2$ cups salad 2 tsp. dressing

1 medium orange | 1 medium |
| :--- |
| Water |

$3 /$ cup stiffly
$1 / 2$ cup rice $1 / 2$ cup pineapple
Water

| $3 /$ cup yogurt |
| :---: |
| $1 / 202$. almonds |


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## 2. Garden salad

 - 6 cups chop hoped romaine

3. Teriyaki chicken stir-fry

 - 1 cup bill epedperstrips ${ }_{-1}^{-1}$ cups iced mushroom - 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil sodium
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## NUTRITIOUS EATING ON A BUDGET

8 TIPS TO SHOP SMARTER WITHOUT STRETCHING YOUR WALLET

PLAN AHEAD
Planning your meals in ad-
vance helps streamline your purchases and ensures that the food and beverages
buy don't buy don't go to waste.

WRITE IT DOWN!
Translate your weekly meal
plan inte a shonoiny istand don't stray trom it. This will help you stay on budget.

BUY IN SEASON
When balancing your plate with fresh produce, choose Whats in season. Seasonal
produce is tresher and usual ly less expensive.

STOCK UP anturaze Frozen fruits and vegetables are picked at the peak of freshness to lock in flavor and nutrients. New researc
shows that shows that some frozen
fruits and vegetables may fruits and vegetables may
have higher levels of certain have high and antioxidants compared to their fresh counterparts.

Select recipes that make use
of similar ingredients to help reduce the size of your shopping list and eliminate waste from hall-used ingredients.

Bssman LEFTOVERS
Take leftovers for lunch. t's easiest to pack lunches after dinner for the next day
so you're ready to go in the soy youre
moring.
 Purchasing buk quantities
f foods you buy often and choosing family-size servings of favorite trozen prepared meals can save you

SAVE YOURDOUCH
Every dollar counts when you're on a budget, so grab your chef's knife and cutting
board and avoid the upchar es you can spend for pre-cut produce. contribute extra flavor, while cutting down on


G t more ideas at verybesthakin - Pasta sauce + pumpkin - Mashed potatoes + pumpkin

- Hummus + pumpkin


## TIPSAAVOID WASTE = ENSURE SMART EATING

If you are purchasing larger quantities than are called for in the weekly meal plan, follow these tips to ensure proper storage and prevent food spoilage.

FRUITS \& VEGETABLES
BREADS \& CEREALS
Vegetables require the proper care to preven
spoilage. Tomatoes and potatoes are best spoilage. Tomatees and
stored at rom temperate, while vegetables
like lettuce , cucumbers and carrots should b b like etetuce, cucumbers and carrots shou
placed in refrigerator crisper drawers.
To prevent premature ripening, keep avocados, pears, bananas and tomatoes apart trom ,
Keep frozen and canned produce on hand so Keep frozen and ows when you need them. For
they're ready to
best taste ase best taste and पuality, use frozen and canned
produce before the use byy date.

To prevent premature spoliage, tresh berries
should geta good rinse, just before usage.
Rinse and dry leaf lettuce and store in plastic Rinse and dry leaf lettuc
bags for up to one week.

Store extra breads and rolls in an airtight container or storage ba
and defrost as needed.

Keep cereal fresh by storing in airitight
containers instead of rolling down the bag
 Keep crackers in storage bags or a aitight con-
tainers to prevent them from becoming stale. tore nuts in the feezer
BEVERAGES
If shopping for one, purchase single-serve juice
containers to avoid waste and ensure variety.
If purchasing for famili, consider bulk sizes of
shelf- stable juices to save refrigerator space.
-stable juices to save refrigerator space.

## FROZEN PREPARED FOODS Frozen prepared foods offer flexibility whether prepping for one ora whole family ff cooking frepping for one or a whole family. If cooking for a amily, look for mutti-serve varieties that accommodate your family's size.



On a Budget Grocery List Week 1 (for days 1-7); Week 2 (for days 8-14)


| Shelf Stable Items | Week 1 | Week 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Brown rice | 1 small bag |  |
| Sunflower seeds |  | 1/2cup |
| Canned pears, in juice | 3 cups |  |
| Canned peaches, in juice |  | $31 / 2$ cups |
| Canned mandarin oranges, in juice |  | 1 (1502.) can |
| Canned pineapple, in juice | 2 cups | 2 cups |
| Applesauce (no sugar added) | $31 / 2$ cups |  |
| Raisins | 1/2cup | 1/4 cup |
| Tortilla chips | 1 small bag |  |
| Baked potato chips |  | 2 ounces |
| Dried Rosemary | 1 small bottle |  |
| Dried cinnamon | 1 small bottle |  |
| Almonds, sliced | 6 ounces | 6.5 ounces |
| Peanuts, unsalted | 2 ounces |  |
| Cereal bars with fruit filling | 4 bars | 4 bars |
| Whole-wheat, reduced-sodium crackers | 1 small box |  |
| NESTLÉ TOLLHOUSE ${ }^{\text {® }}$ <br> Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough | 1 package (16.5 oz.) |  |
| Popcorn kernels | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \text { cup } \\ & \text { kernels } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Beverages | Week 1 | Week 2 |
| 100\% apple juice $100 \%$ orange iuice | 116 ounces 80 ounces | 80 ounces |
| 100\% orange juice | 80 ounces | 72 ounces |
| Frozen Vegetable | Week 1 | Week 2 |
| Frozen broccoli | 8 cups |  |
| Frozen carrots |  | $31 / 2$ cups |
| Frozen mixed vegetables |  | 3 cups |


| Week 1 | Week 2 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 (25 oz.) pkg <br> 2 pkgs (2/pack) <br> 2 pkgs (2/pack) <br> 1 (32 oz.) pkg, <br> includes <br> 4 peppers <br> 1 (36 oz.) pkg <br> 1 (38 oz.) pkg <br> 1 (33 oz.) pkg <br> 1 pizza |  |
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|  | 1 (28 02.) pkg |
|  | 1 (30 oz.) pkg |
|  | 1 (40 oz.) pkg |
|  | 1 (57 oz.) pkg |
|  | 2 pkgs (2/pack |
|  | 2 pkgs (2/ |
|  |  |
|  | 1 pizza |


| STOUFFER'S® Rigatoni Chicken Pesto | 1 (25 oz.) |
| :---: | :---: |
| LEAN POCKETS® Chicken, Broccoli Cheddar | 2 pkgs (2/pack) |
| LEAN POCKETS® Ham, Egg \& Cheese | 2 pkgs (2/pack) |
| STOUFFER'S® Stuffed Green Peppers | 1 (32 oz.) pkg, |
|  | includes |
| STOUFFER'S ${ }^{\text {® }}$ Chicken \& Vegetable Rice Bake | 1 (36 oz.) pkg |
| STOUFFER'S® Lasagna with Meat \& Sauce | 1 (38 02.) pkg |
| STOUFFER' ${ }^{\text {® }}$ Meat Loaf in Gravy | 1 (33 02.) pkg |
| TOMBSTONE® Supreme Pizza | 1 pizza |

STOUFFER'S® Salisbury Steak
STOUFFER'S® Chicken Enchiladas
STOUFFER'S ${ }^{\circledR}$ Macaroni \& Cheese

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