Shelf Life for Common Foods (in months)	
FOOD PRODUCT	MONTHS
Beverages (powdered)	24
Biscuit, brownie, muffin mixes	9
Bouillon cubes & granules	24
Canned vegetables and fruits	12
Cake mixes	12
Catsup (unopened)	12
Cereals:	
Ready to eat Uncooked in original package Uncooked in metal container	6-12 12 24
Cocoa mixes	12
Coffee, tea	18
Dried fruits in metal containers	6
Dry soup mixes	12
Fish, canned	12
Fruits:	
Canned citrus fruits and juices Canned other fruits and juices Dried, in metal containers	12 12 6
FOOD PRODUCT	MONTHS
Gelatin	18
Gravy mixes	6-12
Gum	12
Hard candy and gum	12
Honey (tightly covered)	12
Instant Potatoes	18
Juices, citrus, canned	12
Juices, other fruit, canned	12
Meat (canned, except fish)	18
Milk (evaporated & dry)	6
Muffin mixes	9
Mustard (unopened)	24

Nuts (canned)	12
Pancake mix	6-9
Pasta (tightly covered)	24+
Peanut Butter	12
FOOD PRODUCT	MONTHS
Potatoes, instant	18
Poultry, canned	18
Pudding mixes	12
Rice, plain white, tightly covered	24+
Rice mixes (uncooked in original package)	6
Salad dressing (unopened)	18
Salad oil (unopened)	6
Sauce and gravy mixes	6-12
Soups (condensed and dry mixes)	12
Tea, coffee	18
Tuna & other canned fish	12
Vegetables:	
Canned sauerkraut Canned tomatoes Canned, other	12 12 18