Americans are striving for nutritious and affordable meal options that are easy to prepare. To evaluate the feasibility, nutritional value and affordability of a weekly menu consisting primarily of frozen foods, menu modeling was used to bring recommended U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food patterns to life with frozen foods.

**Frozen Foods Are Nutritious**
Daily menus met more than 90% of most primary nutrition targets.

- **26g Fiber**: 106% of Daily Value*
- **5,483 IU Vitamin A**: 109% of Daily Value*
- **3,219 mg Potassium**: 92% of Daily Value*

**Frozen Foods Are a Real Value**
Menu costs fell within USDA’s Moderate Cost Plan of $59.70 PER WEEK.

- **Daily Cost**: $8.52
- **Weekly Cost**: $59.66

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

**Frozen Foods Provide Well-Balanced Options**
All food groups are well represented in the frozen food aisle.

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**Frozen Foods Are a Sensible Choice**
“Better-for-you” options are available in the frozen food aisle to make it easier for consumers to control intakes of calories, fat, sugar, saturated fat and sodium.

**A Weekly Menu Comprised of 95% Frozen Foods Achieves Government Recommendations**
Results from menu modeling show that realistic, balanced and affordable menus featuring mostly frozen foods can meet energy, nutrient and cost goals based on recommendations from the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, MyPlate and USDA’s Moderate Cost Food Plan.