

LET'S BEGIN THE HOLIDAY!

December 2025

Have a Wonderful
CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



GANSI Holiday Closure:

- December 24th-Christmas Eve-1/2 Day
- December 25th-Closed
- December 31st-New Years Eve-1/2 Day
- January 1st-New Years Day-Closed



GANSI Annual Training will
be held in
February 2026.
More info to come.

All November claims are due
on or before December 3rd,
2025. There will be one
claim submission in
December due to the
holidays.



2026 DECAL Licenses are DUE.

Before going into the New Year, to meet all Bright From The
Start Eligibility Requirements, please ensure DECAL licenses are
sent in by December 31, 2025



Processed Food Items

Processed food items are commercially purchased combination foods, processed meats/meat alternates, and other foods like smoothies, pasta salad containing vegetables, and other items that do not have a standard of identify, contain two or more meal components, and/or contain non-creditable ingredients.

Processed food items are ONLY creditable with a CN Label or PFS.*

See common items in the table below. *This is not all-inclusive list of foods that require a CN Label or PFS.*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breaded items (e.g., chicken nuggets, fish sticks) Burritos Canned pasta w/ meat Corndogs Dried and semi-dried meat, poultry, and seafood snacks, shelf-stable, such as jerky or summer sausage Egg rolls Falafel Frozen Entrees Kielbasa Lasagna 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liverwurst Macaroni and cheese Meat loaf Meat sauce Meat analogs (breakfast links, textured vegetable protein crumbles, veggie burgers) Meat/poultry sticks (not dried/semi-dried) Meatballs Pasta salad containing meat, vegetables Pepperoni 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza Plant based meat alternate food items Polish sausage Pot pie Quiche Ravioli Salami Salisbury Steak Sausage not labeled "fresh pork sausage" / "fresh Italian sausage" Smoothies Soups Soy cheese 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soy products (soy sausage, veggie burgers) Spaghetti with meat sauce Stews Tempeh with other ingredients (i.e., brown rice, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, flax seed, and/or vegetables) Tofu products (links, sausages) Turkey bacon
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Processed meats/meat alternates in the table to the right do not require a CN Label or PFS when ingredients are 100% creditable meat ingredients (may contain salt and seasoning). However, if these items contain binders/extenders, fillers, byproducts, or cereals (see below) they are not 100% meat and require a CN label or PFS.*

- Beef patties
- Cooked sausage, includes hot dogs, frankfurters, wieners, franks, furters, Vienna, bologna, garlic bologna, knockwurst, and similar cooked sausages (may or may not be smoked, cured or uncured)

Binders/Extenders

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrageenan Cellulose Gelatin Hydrolyzed oat flour Hydrolyzed milk protein Modified food & vegetable starch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nonfat dry milk Plant proteins Soy flour Soy protein isolate Soy protein concentrate Starch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starchy vegetable flour Texturized vegetable protein (TVP) Wheat gluten Whey Whey protein concentrate
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Byproducts

- Glands
- Hearts
- Other organ meats

Cereals

- Barley
- Corn
- Oats
- Rice
- Wheat

Fillers

- Breadcrumbs
- Cereals
- Vegetables

*Child Nutrition (CN) Label or Product Formulation Statement (PFS)

A CN label or PFS provides information on how an item contributes to the meal pattern requirements. A CN Label/PFS must be obtained prior to purchasing and serving/claiming the item. It must be used to determine how much to prepare and serve. Refer to the [Crediting Documentation for Processed Foods](#) for information. If a CN label/PFS cannot be obtained, the item cannot be served as part of a reimbursable meal.

From our GANSI family to yours,
Happy Holidays and best wishes for a
safe and prosperous 2026!





Harvest of the Month™



Lettuce



Spring Rolls

Snack Crediting for Ages 3-5



Total Time

15 minutes



Serving Size

1 spring roll



Servings

8



Components

Meat/Meat Alternate,
Grain, Vegetable

Ingredients

- 4 oz cooked chicken, thinly sliced
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1 cup cucumber diced
- 8 leaves Romaine or bibb lettuce
- 1 bunch mint or basil
- 2 cups brown rice noodles
- 8 rice paper wrappers
- 1/4 cup Hoison sauce
- 2 tbsp peanut butter or sun butter

Check out these great books featuring our Harvest of the Month!

READING
CORNER

