

Freeze drying time chart

Use these freeze dried food guidelines as a roadmap. Depending on the food category, batch quantity, or freeze dryer brand, you might want to adjust your drying times. Use the Notes column to make any customizations.

| Food | Category | Time | | | | Notes |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------|
| | | Freezing | Primary Drying | Secondary Drying | Total Batch | |
| Asparagus | Vegetable | 4-5 hrs | 15-20 hrs | 9-11 hrs | 28-36 hrs | |
| Broccoli | | | | | | |
| Corn | | | | | | |
| Kale | | | | | | |
| Peas | | | | | | |
| Potatoes | | | | | | |
| Tomato wedges | | | | | | |
| Basil, oregano, coriander, etc. | Herbs and spices | 2-3 hrs | 10-12 hrs | 4-6 hrs | 16-21 hrs | |
| Ice cream sandwiches | Sweets | 6-8 hrs | 25-30 hrs | 10-12 hrs | 41-50 hrs | |
| Yogurt drops | Sweets | 4-5 hrs | 15-20 hrs | 4-6 hrs | 30-38 hrs | |
| Beef | Protein | 6-8 hrs | 25-30 hrs | 10-12 hrs | 41-50 hrs | |
| Ground beef | | | | | | |
| Ham | | | | | | |
| Shrimp | | | | | | |
| Sliced beef (pre-cooked) | Protein | 6-8 hrs | 20-25 hrs | 10-12 hrs | 36-45 hrs | |
| Turkey | | | | | | |
| Lasagna | Meal | 5-6 hrs | 22-28 hrs | 10-12 hrs | 37-46 hrs | |
| Soup | | | | | | |
| Apple wedges | Fruit | 4-5 hrs | 20-25 hrs | 10-12 hrs | 34-42 hrs | |
| Avocados | | | | | | |
| Bananas | | | | | | |
| Blueberries | | | | | | |
| Grapes | | | | | | |
| | Fruit | 6-10 hrs | 25-30 hrs | 10-12 hrs | 41-52 hrs | |

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| | | Freezing | Primary Drying | Secondary Drying | | |
| Peach wedges | Fruit | 4-5 hrs | 20-25 hrs | 10-12 hrs | 34-42 hrs | |
| Pineapple | Fruit | 6-10 hrs | 25-30 hrs | 10-12 hrs | 41-52 hrs | |
| Strawberry slices | Fruit | 4-5 hrs | 20-25 hrs | 10-12 hrs | 34-42 hrs | |
| Cheese (shredded) Milk Sour cream | Dairy | 6-8 hrs | 10-12 hrs | 8-10 hrs | 24-30 hrs | |