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Preface to the first supplement

In the 4th edition of McCance and Widdowson's 'The Composition of Foods' (Paul and Southgate 1978), amino acids and fatty acids are given, in sections 2 and 3, as mg/g nitrogen and g/100 g fatty acids respectively. This method enables the data to be presented in a concise form, as foods with the same amino acid or fatty acid composition can be given as a single entry. However, it is a straightforward procedure to calculate by computer the amino acid and fatty acid composition of each food given in Section 1 of the book, and this has accordingly been done for all foods where data are available. The following tables are intended as a supplement to 'The Composition of Foods', to which reference should be made for guidance on the description of samples, sources of the data, and the relevant cross references between the values in these tables and sections 1-3 of the tables in 'The Composition of Foods'.

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Introduction

Method of calculation

The values for amino acids and fatty acids per 100 g food have been calculated as described on pages 348–9 of 'The Composition of Foods'. For convenience, these pages are repeated below.

Amino acids per 100 g are obtained by multiplying the total nitrogen (g/100 g, given in section 1) by the amino acids composition (mg amino acid per g N) of the appropriate item in section 2 of the fourth edition of 'The Composition of Foods'.

For example:

Item 252 **Beef rump steak** grilled, lean and fat

Total N = 4.36 g/100 g

Corresponding item in amino acid section, 2237

	Amino acids			
	Ile	Leu	Lys	etc
Amino acids in 2237 (mg/gN)	320	500	570	
Amino acids in 252 (mg/100 g)				
= (4.36 × values in 2237)	1395	2180	2485	etc

The values for cooked dishes are based on the information given in part 2 of Appendix 5 ('The Composition of Foods', 4th edition). The amino acids in the ingredients are multiplied by the amount of total nitrogen contributed by the ingredients to 100 g of the dish.

For example:

Item 116 **Pancakes**

Ingredients	Item in section 2	Total N contributed by ingredients
Flour	2011	0.43
Milk	2123	0.32
Egg	2165	0.25

The amino acids in the cooked dish are derived as follows:

	Amino acids			
	Ile	Leu	Lys	etc
From flour (0.43 × values in 2011)	103	189	52	
milk (0.32 × values in 2123)	112	205	163	
egg (0.25 × values in 2165)	88	130	98	
Amino acids in item 116 (mg/100 g) =	303	524	313	etc

Fatty acids per 100 g are calculated in a similar way using the compositions given in section 3, *except* that the factor giving the proportion of fatty acids in the total fat must also be used in the calculation (see p 17 of 'The Composition of Foods', 4th edition).

For example:

Item 252 **Beef rump steak** grilled, lean and fat

Fat 12.1 g/100 g; factor 0.935

Corresponding item in fatty acid section 3240

	Fatty acids			
	14:0	15:0	16:0	etc
Fatty acids in item 3240 (g/100 g total fatty acids)	3.2	0.6	26.9	
Fatty acids in item 252 (g/100 g)				
= $(12.1 \times 0.935 \times \text{values in } 3240/100)$	0.36	0.07	3.04	

For cooked dishes the values in the fatty acid section are multiplied by values for the fatty acids contributed by the ingredients of the dish.

For example:

Item 116 **Pancakes**

Ingredient	Item in section 3	Fat contributed	Factor
Flour	3008	0.29	0.70
Milk	3123	2.20	0.945
Eggs	3165	1.39	0.830
Lard	3185	12.42	0.956

The fatty acids in the cooked dish are derived as follows:

	Fatty acids		
	14:0	16:0	18:0
From flour ($0.29 \times 0.70 \times \text{values in } 3008/100$)	Tr	0.04	Tr
milk ($2.20 \times 0.945 \times \text{values in } 3123/100$)	0.23	0.54	0.23
eggs ($1.39 \times 0.830 \times \text{values in } 3165/100$)	Tr	0.33	0.11
lard ($12.42 \times 0.956 \times \text{values in } 3185/100$)	0.19	3.18	1.85
Fatty acids in 116 (g/100 g)	0.42	4.09	2.19

The calculation has been carried out for all food items listed in Appendix 5 of 'The Composition of Foods' for which a code number is given for use in the amino acid or fatty acid sections.

Fatty acids additional calculations

Estimated values

In section 3 of 'The Composition of Foods', 4th edition, in a small number of cases no information could be given for a particular fatty acid, and a dash showed these situations. For the present calculation, estimated values, based on the amounts in related foods, have been inserted onto the computer file and the results obtained are indicated in parenthesis.

Joint headings

In some fats and oils, and some meat and fish, values are given for the sum of two or more fatty acids in section 3, e.g. 20:4 + 20:5. For the present calculation, individual values have been assigned to each fatty acid.

Factor for calculating fatty acid content of fat

A factor has been used for each fatty acid code, and these are given in the table below. These are based on the factors given in table 5 (p. 17) of 'The Composition of Foods'.

Variations in fatty acid content

For a number of foods, marked 'a' in Appendix 5, no calculation is possible as the fatty acid content will depend on the fat used in cooking. In addition, for some foods, the fatty acid content will depend on variations in the fats used in manufacture. These are marked in the following tables and due attention should be taken in the interpretation of the data. Other variations are noted in section 3, to which reference should be made. For *margarine* in particular, the recipe calculations have been carried out using the fatty acid values for margarine and hard animal and vegetable fats (3188). Where other margarines are used, the fatty acid composition will be different.

Table Factors for multiplying fat content of food by in calculation of fatty acids per 100 g food. Factor given for each fatty acid code.

Code	Factor	Code	Factor	Code	Factor	Code	Factor
Cereals							
3002	0.72	3140	0.945	3394	0.932	3562	0.80
3005	0.82	3183-		3395	0.932	3569	0.80
3008	0.70	3194	0.956	3396	0.932	3597	0.80
3017	0.94	3196	0.942	3399	0.80	3609	0.80
3019	0.85	3197-		3404	0.80	3620	0.80
3021	0.72	3206	0.956	3408	0.953	3634	0.80
3030	0.80			3411	0.953	3639	0.80
3033	0.80			3425	0.953	3657	0.80
3058	0.95	Fats & Oils		3209	0.932	3664	0.80
3060	0.72	3240	0.935	3438	0.70	3669	0.80
3061	0.95	3269	0.935	3451	0.70	Vegetables	
3063	0.95	3299	0.932	3458	0.70	3562	0.80
3064	0.95	3314	0.945	3461	0.70	3569	0.80
3066	0.72	3328	0.945	3466	0.70	3597	0.80
3067	0.95	3332	0.945	3471	0.70	3609	0.80
3068	0.95	3334	0.945	3474	0.70	3620	0.80
3069	0.95	3336	0.945	3482	0.90	3634	0.80
3070	0.95	3340	0.945	3491	0.90	3639	0.80
3072	0.95	3350	0.945	3494	0.90	Fruit	
3074	0.95	3356	0.561	3498	0.90	3675	0.80
3077	0.95	3358	0.789	3501	0.95	3692	0.956
3079	0.95	3360	0.789	3502	0.90	3693	0.80
3083	0.95	3364	0.747	3503	0.90	Nuts	
3107	0.945	3366	0.747	3508	0.95	3822	0.956
3108	0.956	3368	0.747	3510	0.90	3826	0.956
Milk		3371	0.741	3513	0.90	3828	0.956
3123	0.945	3373	0.741	3517	0.70	3830	0.956
3137	0.945	3375	0.741	3526	0.70	3832	0.942
3138	0.956	3377	0.741	3532	0.70	3835	0.956
Eggs		3379	0.741	3535	0.70	3838	0.956
3165	0.83	3384	0.75	3537	0.70	3839	0.956
		3391	0.80	3550	0.70	Chocolate Products	

Errata in the 4th edition of 'The Composition of Foods'

A number of errata have come to light during the course of calculations; these are:

Section 3: fatty acid composition

Food code	Food	Fatty acids
3063	Biscuits, digestive chocolate	22:1 for 1.6 read 1.0
3068	Biscuits, sandwich	20:1–20:5 for 1.4 read 1.0
3072	Biscuits, wafers filled	Other for 10:0 read 8:0

Appendix 5: Key to the use of amino acid and fatty acid numbers
Part 1

Food Code	Food	Amino acids	Fatty acids
4	Bemax		for 3207 read 3008
188	<i>Insert</i>		
188	Margarine hard, animal and vegetable oils	2123	3188
189	Hard, vegetable oils only	2123	3189
190	Soft, animal and vegetable oils	2123	3190
191	Soft, vegetable oils only	2123	3191
192	Polyunsaturated	2123	3192
620–629	Peas		for 3621 read 3620

Part 2

Food code	Food	Section 2 code	Section 3 code	Fat contributed per 100 g
90	Pastry, choux cooked			
428	Bolognese sauce		3187	for 5.4 read 15.4
548	Fish pie	for 2595 read 2594	for 2638 read 2639	

Amino acids

The amino acids are given, by their customary abbreviations, in the same order as in Section 2 of 'The Composition of Foods'.

Fatty acids

A larger range of fatty acids is set out than appeared in Section 3 of 'The Composition of Foods'. Where a particular fatty acid that appears in one part of the table is not listed in another part this indicates that that particular fatty acid is not present in the food group. The three groups of fatty acids—saturated, mono-unsaturated and polyunsaturated—are spread over two pages. For most foods the saturated fatty acids appear on the first page and the mono- and polyunsaturated on the following page; however for fish the arrangement has had to be altered slightly to take into account the wide range of poly-unsaturated fatty acids present in that food group.

Reference

Paul, A. A. and Southgate, D. A. T. (1978) *McCance and Widdowson's 'The Composition of Foods'* 4th revised edition. London H.M. Stationery Office.

The tables

Composition of
Foods

Section 2A Amino acid composition

mg per 100 g food

Isoleucine	Ile	Arginine	Arg
Leucine	Leu	Histidine	His
Lysine	Lys	Alanine	Ala
Methionine	Met	Aspartic acid	Asp
Cystine	Cys	Glutamic acid	Glu
Phenylalanine	Phe	Glycine	Gly
Tyrosine	Tyr	Proline	Pro
Threonine	Thr	Serine	Ser
Tryptophan	Trp		
Valine	Val		

N indicates no information available

Cereals and cereal products

Amino acids (mg per 100g food)

No	Food	Ile	Leu	Lys	Met	Cys	Phe	Tyr	Thr	Trp	Val	Arg	His	Ala	Asp	Glu	Gly	Pro	Ser
Grains, flours and starches																			
2	Barley pearl, raw	300	570	220	140	190	430	260	280	140	420	410	180	350	470	1990	320	920	340
3	boiled	100	190	74	46	64	150	87	97	46	140	140	60	120	160	680	110	310	120
4	Bemax	950	1910	680	450	730	1270	860	770	320	1270	1320	590	1040	1410	7760	1140	3000	1500
5	Bran wheat	470	920	610	220	380	580	450	490	180	690	1100	430	780	1140	2870	900	870	670
6	Cornflour	21	70	15	11	9	28	22	21	4	27	23	15	42	35	110	21	50	28
7	Custard powder	21	70	15	11	9	28	22	21	4	27	23	15	42	35	110	21	50	28
9	Flour wholemeal (100%)	480	950	340	230	360	630	430	380	160	630	660	290	520	700	3870	570	1490	750
10	brown (85%)	470	950	320	230	360	630	430	380	160	610	590	290	430	610	4550	450	1730	790
11	white (72%) breadmaking	480	870	240	200	320	590	320	340	140	540	440	260	380	540	4080	400	1560	690
12	household plain	410	760	210	170	280	520	280	290	120	460	380	220	330	460	3540	340	1360	600
13	self-raising	390	720	200	160	260	490	260	280	110	440	360	210	310	440	3360	330	1290	570
14	patent (40%)	450	830	230	190	300	570	300	320	130	510	420	250	360	510	3890	380	1490	660
15	Macaroni raw	580	1060	290	240	390	720	390	410	170	650	530	310	460	650	4970	480	1900	840
16	boiled	180	330	90	75	120	230	120	130	53	200	170	98	140	200	1550	150	590	260
17	Oatmeal raw	510	950	490	230	360	660	450	450	170	680	830	280	590	1020	2780	620	680	620
18	Porridge	58	110	56	26	41	74	50	50	19	77	94	31	67	120	310	70	77	70

No	Food	Ile	Leu	Lys	Met	Cys	Phe	Tyr	Thr	Trp	Val	Arg	His	Ala	Asp	Glu	Gly	Pro	Ser
Grains, flours and starches, contd																			
19	Rice polished raw	260	560	250	140	110	330	270	230	87	390	510	160	390	650	1310	290	320	320
20	boiled	89	190	85	48	37	110	93	78	30	130	170	56	130	220	440	100	110	110
21	Rye flour (100%)	310	550	290	130	170	390	170	290	98	420	410	200	380	630	2110	380	830	340
23	Semolina raw	450	820	220	190	300	560	300	320	130	510	410	240	360	510	3850	370	1480	660
24	Soya flour full fat	1810	3160	2580	520	650	2000	1290	1550	520	1940	2900	1030	1740	4710	7550	1680	2190	2060
25	low fat	2220	3890	3180	640	790	2460	1590	1910	640	2380	3670	1270	2140	5800	9290	2060	2700	2540
26	Spaghetti raw	570	1050	290	240	380	720	380	410	170	650	530	310	450	650	4920	480	1890	840
27	boiled	180	330	89	74	120	220	120	130	52	200	160	96	140	200	1520	150	590	260
28	canned in tomato sauce	72	130	36	30	48	90	48	51	21	81	66	39	57	81	620	60	240	110
Bread and rolls																			
30	Bread, wholemeal	320	630	230	150	240	420	290	260	110	420	440	200	350	470	2580	380	1000	500
31	brown	330	660	220	160	250	440	300	270	110	420	410	200	300	420	3150	310	1200	550
32	hovis	360	710	240	170	270	480	320	290	120	460	440	220	320	460	3430	340	1310	600
33	white	340	620	170	140	220	420	220	240	98	380	310	180	270	380	2880	280	1110	490

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Cereals and cereal products *continued*

Amino acids (mg per 100g food)

No	Food	Ile	Leu	Lys	Met	Cys	Phe	Tyr	Thr	Val	Trp	Arg	His	Ala	Asp	Glu	Gly	Pro	Ser
Bread cont'd																			
34	white, fried	320	560	160	130	210	400	210	230	93	360	290	170	250	360	2740	270	1060	470
35	toasted	410	740	200	170	270	510	270	290	120	460	370	220	320	460	3480	340	1340	590
36	dried crumbs	490	890	240	200	330	610	330	350	140	550	450	260	390	550	4180	410	1600	710
37	currant	270	490	130	110	180	340	180	190	78	300	250	150	210	300	2310	220	890	390
38	malt	310	610	220	150	230	410	280	250	100	410	420	190	340	450	2500	370	960	480
39	soda	350	640	240	150	200	420	240	260	100	410	310	190	270	420	2700	260	1040	480
40	Rolls brown, crusty	420	850	280	200	320	570	380	340	140	550	530	260	380	550	4080	400	1560	710
41	soft	430	860	290	210	330	570	390	350	140	550	530	270	390	550	4140	410	1580	720
42	white, crusty	490	900	250	200	330	610	330	350	140	550	450	270	390	550	4200	410	1610	710
43	soft	410	760	210	170	280	520	280	280	120	460	380	220	330	460	3640	340	1360	600
44	starch reduced	1850	3400	930	770	1240	2320	1240	1310	540	2080	1700	1000	1470	2080	5900	1540	6100	2700
45	Chapatti made with fat	300	600	200	140	230	400	270	240	99	380	370	190	270	380	2870	280	1090	500
46	made without fat	270	540	180	130	210	360	240	220	90	350	330	170	240	350	2590	280	990	450
Breakfast cereals																			
47	All-bran	500	980	650	240	410	620	480	530	190	740	1180	460	840	1220	3070	960	940	720
48	Cornflakes	320	1080	240	170	140	430	330	320	55	410	360	240	650	540	1630	320	770	430
49	Grapenuts	410	780	300	190	260	590	350	390	190	570	560	240	480	650	2720	440	1260	460
50	Muesli	530	1000	510	240	380	690	460	480	180	710	860	290	620	1080	2900	640	710	640
51	Puffed Wheat	510	1030	370	240	390	680	460	420	170	680	710	320	560	780	4170	610	1610	810
52	Ready Brek	510	960	490	230	360	660	450	450	170	680	830	280	590	1020	2780	620	680	620
53	Rice Krispies	240	510	230	130	99	300	250	210	79	360	470	150	360	590	1190	270	290	290

(100g)

(g)

No	Food	Ile	Leu	Lys	Met	Cys	Phe	Tyr	Thr	Trp	Val	Arg	His	Ala	Asp	Glu	Gly	Pro	Ser
<i>Breakfast cereals contd</i>																			
54	Shredded Wheat	380	760	270	180	290	510	340	310	130	510	530	240	420	560	3100	450	1200	600
56	Sugar Puffs	210	420	150	100	160	280	190	170	71	280	290	130	230	310	1730	250	670	330
57	Weetabix	410	820	290	200	310	550	370	330	140	550	570	260	450	610	3350	490	1290	650
<i>Biscuits</i>																			
58	Chocolate full coated	240	440	120	100	160	300	160	170	70	270	220	130	190	270	2060	200	790	350
59	Cream crackers	400	730	200	170	270	500	270	280	120	450	370	220	320	450	3420	330	1310	580
60	Crispbread rye	350	630	340	150	190	450	190	340	110	480	470	230	440	730	2430	440	950	390
61	wheat starch reduced	1910	3490	950	790	1270	2380	1270	1350	560	2140	1750	1030	1510	2140	6360	1590	6270	2780
62	Digestive plain	350	710	240	170	270	470	320	290	120	450	440	220	320	450	3380	340	1290	590
64	Ginger nuts	240	430	120	98	160	290	160	170	69	270	220	130	190	270	2020	200	770	340
65	Home made	290	510	200	140	160	340	200	220	87	360	280	150	260	400	1950	220	740	420
66	Matzo	440	810	220	190	300	560	300	320	130	500	410	240	360	500	3810	370	1460	650
67	Oatcakes	410	770	390	190	290	530	360	360	140	550	670	220	480	820	2240	500	550	500
68	Sandwich	210	380	100	87	140	260	140	150	61	240	190	110	170	240	1790	170	690	310
69	Semi-sweet	280	520	140	120	190	350	190	200	83	320	260	150	220	320	2430	240	930	410
70	Short-sweet	260	480	130	110	170	320	170	180	76	290	240	140	210	290	2230	220	850	380
71	Shortbread	260	480	140	110	170	330	180	190	76	300	240	140	210	300	2210	220	850	380
72	Wafers filled	200	360	98	82	130	250	130	140	57	220	180	110	160	220	1690	160	650	290
73	Water biscuits	450	830	230	190	300	570	300	320	130	510	420	250	360	510	3890	380	1490	660

No	Food	Ile	Leu	Lys	Met	Cys	Phe	Tyr	Thr	Trp	Val	Arg	His	Ala	Asp	Glu	Gly	Pro	Ser
Cakes																			
74	Fancy iced cakes	160	290	79	66	110	200	110	110	46	180	150	86	130	180	1360	130	520	230
75	Fructcake rich	150	250	140	99	80	170	110	140	47	200	200	98	160	320	880	120	290	240
76	rich iced	170	290	150	97	81	200	130	150	50	240	310	110	190	400	950	170	280	240
78	Gingerbread	270	460	210	130	140	300	190	210	79	320	260	140	230	380	1630	190	620	380
79	Madeira cake	230	410	110	94	150	280	150	160	66	250	210	120	180	250	1940	190	740	330
80	Rock cakes	240	410	180	120	130	270	170	190	71	290	250	130	210	360	1590	180	590	350
81	Spongecake with fat	320	510	280	160	140	330	220	270	97	400	320	150	290	510	1440	210	530	450
82	without fat	520	810	510	280	210	520	370	450	160	670	540	240	480	900	1890	320	670	730
Buns and pastries																			
84	Current buns	310	570	160	130	210	390	210	220	91	360	290	170	250	350	2680	260	1030	460
85	Doughnuts	260	450	120	100	170	310	170	180	72	280	230	130	200	280	2120	210	810	360
86	Eclairs	210	350	210	110	91	230	150	190	66	280	230	100	200	370	980	150	350	290
87	Jam tarts	140	260	76	58	90	170	94	100	42	160	130	78	120	230	1170	120	450	210
88	Mince pies	170	310	90	78	120	220	120	130	50	200	170	100	140	220	1490	150	560	260

No	Food	Ile	Leu	Lys	Met	Cys	Phe	Tyr	Thr	Trp	Val	Arg	His	Ala	Asp	Glu	Gly	Pro	Ser
Buns and pastries contd																			
88	Pastry, choux raw	280	440	140	120	290	190	230	84	350	280	130	250	440	1250	180	460	390	
90	cooked	420	690	380	220	190	440	300	360	130	540	430	200	380	690	1930	280	700	600
91	Flaky raw	190	340	92	77	120	230	120	130	54	210	170	100	150	210	1590	150	610	270
92	cooked	250	450	120	100	160	310	160	170	71	280	220	130	190	280	2100	200	810	360
93	Shortcrust raw	250	450	120	100	170	310	170	180	72	280	230	130	200	280	2120	210	810	360
94	cooked	290	530	140	120	190	360	190	200	84	320	260	160	230	320	2470	240	950	420
95	Scones	330	610	230	150	190	400	230	250	95	390	290	180	260	400	2550	250	990	460
96	Scotch pancakes	320	560	280	150	150	350	230	250	92	390	290	160	260	440	1930	210	740	430
Puddings																			
97	Apple crumble	76	140	46	31	49	92	49	56	22	86	69	41	64	120	620	65	240	110
98	Bread and butter pudding	330	560	400	170	93	320	250	290	93	430	290	170	270	540	1270	170	480	410
99	Cheesecake	210	360	220	110	78	220	160	180	61	270	190	110	180	330	1000	120	380	280
100	Christmas pudding	210	370	170	120	120	250	160	180	65	280	290	130	210	410	1370	180	470	320
101	Custard egg	320	540	420	170	74	300	240	290	90	420	280	160	260	540	1040	150	400	380
102	made with powder	210	380	310	110	36	200	170	190	54	280	150	110	140	320	860	84	360	220
103	Custard tart	280	500	270	140	120	310	200	230	81	350	250	150	230	410	1580	180	600	370
104	Dumpling	120	220	61	51	82	150	82	87	36	140	110	66	97	140	1050	100	400	180

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