

Make Every Bite Count with Beef

The American Academy of Pediatrics recognizes key nutrients found in beef are essential to support growth and cognitive development during the early years – yet less than 10% of infants eat beef in the first twelve months of life.¹⁻³ The 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans encourage parents to choose nutrient-dense foods, like beef, to make the most of every bite for their infants and toddlers.⁴

Essential Nutrients in Every Beef Bite

PROTEIN
Essential for physical growth and development

ZINC
Essential for growth, cognitive development, appetite regulation, and immune function

VITAMIN B6
Vital for development of brain and nervous system

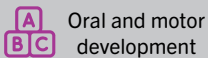
VITAMIN B12
Supports brain development and producing healthy red blood cells

CHOLINE
Essential for physical growth and development

HEME IRON
Essential for various metabolic processes for growth, neurologic development and immune function

DID YOU KNOW?

Beyond its nutrient benefits, every bite of beef delivers new flavors and textures to support a growing infant's.^{1,4}



Oral and motor development



Discovery learning



Acceptance of new and healthy foods

Experts Recommend 1-2 Ounce/Day of Animal-Based Foods Such as Beef.^{1,5,6}

Preparation depends on the child's age and development stage.^{1,5}

Around 6 months



Pureed Beef

6-8 months



Ground Beef

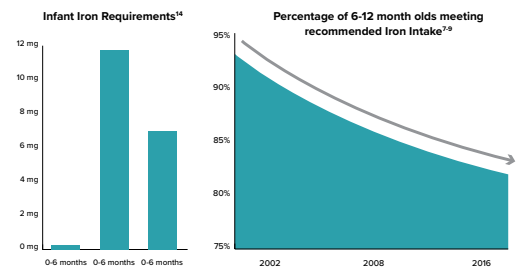
8-10 months



Stewed Beef

If you have questions about starting solid foods, consult your physician or health care provider.

Iron intake continues to drop - despite the critical role iron plays in brain development.⁷⁻¹¹ By 6 months of age, a baby's iron stores are depleting while their iron requirements are increasing substantially. Adding beef, a good source of iron, as a first food can help fill the gap.^{12,13}



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