Emergency Food – Freeze Dried

Some of the main brands of freeze-dried emergency food currently available are:

- 1. Fuel Your Preparation (pouches and tins)
- 2. Summit to Eat (pouches)
- 3. Extreme Food (pouches)
- 4. Expedition Foods (pouches)
- 5. Be Well/Adventure Nutrition Pack & Go (pouches and tubs)
- 6. LYO Expedition (pouches)
- 7. Drytech Real Turmat (pouches)

1. Fuel Your Preparation - https://www.fuelyourpreparation.com

Fuel Your Preparation freeze dried meals come in single serving pouches as well as in large multi serving tins, typically 600g to 1000g. Life span for pouches is generally 7 years and for tins 25 years.

Manufacturer: European Freeze Dry Ltd. (https://www.europeanfreezedry.com)

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Based in Preston Lancashire, with subsidiary facilities in Denmark, European Freeze Dry Ltd., claim to be the leading European producer/supplier of freeze-dried foods. They manufacture several brands.

The full range of **Fuel Your Preparation** is summarised below, Table 1.1 covering pouches, Table 1.2 showing tins.



Table 1.1

POUCHES	Net Pouch weight dry product	Cost GBP*	Serves	Add hot water	kcal per serving	Cost GBP per 2000 kcal
Meals						

Breakfasts (2)						
Scrambled Eggs with Cheese	70g	5.25	1	227ml	410	25.61
Morning Oats with Raspberry	70g	4.50	1	180ml	346	26.01
Mains (12)						
Pasta Bolognaise	100g	5.25	1	280ml	545	19.27
Beef and Potato Stew	118g	5.25	1	360ml	602	17.44
Chilli Con Carne	100g	5.25	1	NG**	519	20.23
Chicken Tikka with Rice	100g	5.25	1	275ml	447	23.49
Chicken Fajita with Rice	100g	5.25	1	275ml	499	21.04
Sweet and Sour Chicken with	100g	5.25	1	NG**	429	24.48
Rice						
Chicken Fried Rice	100g	5.25	1	275ml	497	21.13
Salmon and Broccoli Pasta	100g	5.25	1	235ml	515	20.39
Macaroni Cheese	100g	5.25	1	155ml	539	19.48
Vegetable Fried Rice	100g	5.25	1	NG**	523	20.08
Vegetable Tikka with Rice	100g	5.25	1	NG**	543	19.34
Vegetable Chilli with Rice	100g	5.25	1	275ml	437	24.03
Desserts (3)						
Custard Apple Crunch	70g	4.50	1	160ml	360	25.00
Chocolate Mouse Granola	70g	4.50	1	100ml	300	30.00
Cherry						
Rice Pudding with Strawberry	70g	4.50	1	90ml	328	27.44

Table 1.2

TINS	Size	Cost of	Servings	Serving	kcal	Cost	Cost
		Tin		size (dry	per	GBP	GBP
		GBP *		product)	serving	per	per
					**	serving	2000
							kcal
Meat							
Cooked Minced Beef	800g	38.50	24	33g	162	1.60	19.75
Cooked Diced Chicken	600g	33.25	24	24g	123	1.39	22.60
Carbs							
White Rice	600g	26.69	20	30g	126	1.34	21.27
Veg							
Sweetcorn	500g	19.69	25	20g	76	0.79	20.79
Peas	600g	19.69	30	20g	62	0.66	21.29
Sliced Green Beans	200g	19.69	20	10g		0.99	
Meals							

^{*} GBP = Great Britain Pounds at 30 March 2018

^{**} NG = not given

Breakfast							
Scrambled Egg	600g	32.00	8	75g	381	4.00	21.00
Scrambled Eggs with	800g	32.00	8	100g	586	4.00	13.65
Cheese							
Morning Oats with	1260g	26.69	18	70g	310	1.48	9.55
Raspberry							
Main Meal							
Chilli con Carne	800g	38.50	8	100g	519	4.81	18.54
Sweet and Sour Chicken with Rice	800g	38.50	8	100g	463	4.81	20.78
Vegetable Fried Rice	700g	32.00	7	100g	523	4.57	17.48
Vegetable Tikka with Rice	800g	35.00	8	100g	543	4.38	16.13
Chicken Tikka with Rice	800g	35.00	8	100g	546	4.38	16.04
Chicken Fajita with Rice	800g	35.00	8	100g	499	4.38	17.56
Beef and Potato Stew	600g	32.00	6	100g	527	5.33	20.23
Macaroni Cheese	1000g	32.00	10	100g	539	3.20	11.87
Vegetable Chilli with Rice	700g	32.00	7	100g	513	4.57	17.82
Salmon and Broccoli Pasta	800g	32.00	8	100g	545	4.00	14.68
Chicken Fried Rice	800g	35.00	8	100g	510	4.38	17.18
Pasta Bolognaise	800g	32.00	8	100g	545	4.00	14.68
Dessert	222	0= =0			0.50	4.00	10.11
Custard Apple Crunch	980g	25.50	14	70g	360	1.82	10.11
Chocolate Mouse Granola	1050g	25.50	15	70g	300	1.70	11.33
Cherry	1	1	1		1		
Rice Pudding with	1400g	26.69	20	70g	330	1.34	8.12
Strawberry							

2. Summit To Eat - https://www.summittoeat.com

Summit To Eat are freeze dried single meal pouches, with a guaranteed 7+ year lifespan, marketed primarily for outdoor activities such as camping, hiking etc., and for expeditions. However, shelf life for fruit and cheese products is only 2 years.

Manufacturer: European Freeze Dry Ltd. (https://www.europeanfreezedry.com)

The full range is summarised in Table 2.1 below.

^{*} Cost in Great Britain Ponds (GBP) at 30 March 2018

^{**} I would exercise some caution with their nutritional values tables. For example for their Chilli con Carne tin they quote the same kcal value for a 70g pouch as 100g dry serving. Maybe a 70g pouch is a typo because if you look at the pouch itself it says 100g dry, which would make the kcal values match. However, their values per 100g versus values per tin often do not make sense.



Table2.1

POUCHES	Net Pouch weight dry product	Cost GBP*	Serves	Add hot water	kcal per serving	Cost GBP per 2000 kcal
Breakfasts (2)						
Scrambled Eggs with Cheese	80g	5.50	1	260ml	469	23.45
Morning Oats with Raspberry	91g	4.50	1	225ml	449	20.05
Mains (8)						
Chicken Tikka with Rice	126g	5.50	1	350ml	688	15.99
Chicken Fajita with Rice	128g	5.50	1	275ml	639	17.21
Beef and Potato Stew	118g	5.50	1	360ml	622	17.69
Macaroni Cheese	112g	5.50	1	175ml	603	18.24
Vegetable Chilli with Rice	136g	5.50	1	350ml	698	15.76
Salmon and Broccoli Pasta	117g	5.50	1	280ml	638	17.24
Chicken Fried Rice	121g	5.50	1	350ml	617	17.83
Pasta Bolognaise	136g	5.50	1	360ml	742	14.83
Desserts (3)						
Custard Apple Crunch	87g	4.50	1	220ml	447	20.13
Chocolate Mouse Granola Cherry	97g	4.50	1	145ml	416	21.64
Rice Pudding with Strawberry	86g	4.50	1	155ml	404	22.28

Comment: Look to be exactly the same foods as Fuel Your Preparation.

3. Extreme Food - http://www.extreme-food.eu

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Email:

^{*} GBP = Great Britain Pounds at 30 March 2018

Supply nutritionally balanced freeze-dried meals in pouches for camping, expeditions etc. quoting a recommended shelf life of 3 years. Each pouch carries 500kcal of nutrition. They do not sell their product online directly. Their range is summarised in Table 3.1 below:



Table 3.1

POUCHES	Net	Cost	Serves	Add	kcal	Cost CRR por 2000
POUCHES	Pouch	GBP*	serves			Cost GBP per 2000
		GBP.		water	per	kcal
	weight				serving	
	dry					
Meals	product					
Breakfasts (3)			_			
Fruit Muesli	103g	5.35	1	300ml	500	21.40
Porridge and Maple Syrup	103g	5.35	1	300ml	500	21.40
Porridge and Stawberries	103g	5.35	1	300ml	500	21.40
Main Meals (11)						
Spaghetti Carbonara	100g	5.90	1	300ml	500	23.60
Moroccan Chicken Couscous	100g	5.90	1	300ml	500	23.60
Beef Curry and Rice	103g	5.90	1	300ml	500	23.60
Chicken Tikka Masala and Rice	102g	5.90	1	300ml	500	23.60
Vegetarian Korma	102g	5.90	1	300ml	500	23.60
Spaghetti Bolognaise	103g	5.90	1	300ml	500	23.60
Beef Shepard's Pie	102g	5.90	1	300ml	500	23.60
Vegetarian Cottage Pie	102g	5.90	1	300ml	500	23.60
Mild Chicken Korma	102g	5.90	1	300ml	500	23.60
Chilli Con Carne	102g	5.90	1	300ml	500	23.60
Chicken and Pesto Pasta	102g	5.90	1	300ml	500	23.60
Desserts (3)						
Apple and Custard	105g	5.90	1	300ml	500	23.60
Rice Pudding and Cinnamon	105g	5.90	1	300ml	500	23.60
Chocolate Chip Pudding	105g	5.90	1	300ml	500	23.60

^{*} GBP = Cost in Great Britain Pounds at 30 March 2018, from reseller <u>www.evacq8,com</u>. Extreme foods do not sell directly online.

4. Expedition Foods - https://www.expeditionfoods.com

Address: Unit 5, West Dock Avenue, Hull HU3 4JR

Phone: +44 (0) 1482 642738 Email: info@expeditionfoods.com

Established 1995, Expedition Foods supplies freeze dried foods to explorers, sailors, campers etc. internationally. Their meals come in 3 sizes, 450kcal (Regular Serving), 800kcal (High Energy Serving) and 1000kcal (Extreme Energy and Regular Meal for Two). They sell their own brand directly online. Their freeze-dried brand is quoted as 5 year shelf life. The pouches come with oxygen absorbers which must be removed before re-hydration (are they not nitrogen packed?).



Table 4.1 below summarises Expedition Foods base (450 kcal Regular Serving) offering.

Table 4.1

POUCHES – 450kcal Regular Serving	Net Pouch weight dry product	Cost GBP*	Servings	Add water	kcal per serving	Cost GBP per 2000 kcal
Breakfasts (4)						_
Hot Cereal Start with Mango	105g	5.69	1	210ml	450	25.29
Granola with Raspberries	106g	5.69	1	80ml	451	25.23
Porridge with Sultanas	105g	5.69	1	260ml	467	24.37
Scrambled Egg, Potato and Peppers	96g	5.69	1	180ml	454	25.07
Main Meals (15)						
Chicken Tikka with Rice	79g	5.69	1	250ml	456	24,96
Sweat and Sour Chicken with Rice	98g	5.69	1	235ml	458	24.85
Spaghetti Bolognaise	90g	5.69	1	250ml	455	25.01
Beef and Potato Hotpot	84g	5.69	1	200ml	457	24.90
Mediterranean Vegetable Pasta	78g	5.69	1	160ml	457	24.90
Fish and Potato in Parsley Sauce	81g	5.69	1	175ml	456	24.96

Chicken Rice with Vegetables	100g	5.69	1	180ml	457	24.90
Asian Noodles with Chicken	97g	5.69	1	215ml	453	25.12
Vegetable Tikka with Rice	83g	5.69	1	265ml	456	24.96
Chilli Con Carnie with Rice	88g	5.69	1	230ml	459	24.79
Spaghetti Carbonara	88g	5.69	1	195ml	455	25.01
Chicken Korma with Rice	85g	5.69	1	215ml	457	24.90
Thai Green Chicken Curry with	96g	5.69	1	260ml	450	25.29
Rice						
Macaroni and Cheese	100g	5.69	1	166ml	447	25.46
Beef Stroganoff with Rice	76g	5.69	1	345ml	451	25.23
Desserts (3)						
Chocolate Chip Biscuit Pudding	100g	6.49	1	130ml	416	31.20
Custard with Mixed Beries	90g	6.49	1	202ml	456	28.47
Custard with Apple	90g	6.49	1	204ml	455	28.53

5. Be-Well (Adventure Nutrition) Pack & Go - http://www.be-well.co.uk

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Be-Well is a UK company specialising in the design and manufacture of specialist nutritional products for sports, the military and expeditions. They also manufacture health supplements.

Their freeze-dried expedition brands are designed and manufactured for Adventure Nutrition (located at the same address). The range includes the single serving 600kcal **Pack n Go range**, a large 180g serving **BeWell Expedition Food** range (used and endorsed by Sir Ranulph Fiennes) and the lightweight high energy 800kcal **Extreme Adventure Food** range.

These full ranges can be purchased at www.bewellexpeditionfoods.com. The website also sells the Pack n Go range in 125g per pouches, Ultra Fuel Liquid Food (liquid food with added vitamins and minerals and containing high energy fats), Ready to Eat wet meal pouches, and self heating ready to eat wet meals.







^{*} Cost in Great Britain Ponds (GBP) at 30 March 2018

Table 5.1 below summarises the 600kcal Pack n Go range.

Table 5.1

POUCHES – 600kcal Pak n Go	Net	Cost	Servings	Add	kcal	Cost per 2000
Range	Pouch	GBP*		water	per	kcal
	weight				serving	
	dry					
	product					
Breakfasts (4)						
Hot Cereal Start	147g	5.39	1	350ml	600	17.97
Porridge and Strawberries	128g	5.39	1	350ml	600	17.97
Porridge and Sultanas	131g	5.39	1	350ml	600	17.97
Muesli with Fruit	146g	5.39	1	300ml	600	17.97
Mains (16)						
Beef Curry with Rice	152g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
Beef Shepherds Pie	145g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
Beef Stroganoff	156g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
Chicken Pesto Pasta	155g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
Chicken Tikka Masala	154g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
Chicken Vegetable Pasta	145g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
Chilli Con Carnie	153g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
Mild Chicken Korma	156g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
Oriental Chicken and Rice	158g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
Spaghetti Bolognaise	160g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
(V) Bean and Vegetable Curry	158g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
(V) Vegetarian Chilli Con Carnie	155g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
(V) Vegetarian Korma	153g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
(V) Vegetarian Shepherds Pie	153g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
(V) Vegetarian Thai Rice	158g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
(V) Vegetarian Tikka Masala	155g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
Desserts (6)						
Chocolate Chip Dessert	140g	5.39	1	350ml	600	17.97
Cinnamon Rice Pudding	141g	5.39	1	350ml	600	17.97
Custard with Apple	137g	5.39	1	350ml	600	17.97
Mixed Fruit Custard	147g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
Papaya and Pineapple Dessert	156g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97
Strawberries with Custard	156g	5.39	1	400ml	600	17.97

^{*} Cost in Great Britain Ponds (GBP) at 30 March 2018

Be-well also sells "bulk" 2kg tubs of freeze-dried food. From the image they appear to be plastic containers with screw on lids. No information is given on lifespan. Tubs available are summarised in Table 5.2 below.



Table 5.2

TUBS – 2000g	Size	Cost	Servings	Serving	kcal	Cost	Cost per
		GBP *		size (dry	per	per	2000
				product)	serving	serving	kcal
					**	GBP	
Breakfasts (3)							
Fruit Muesli	2000g	64.99	16	125g	513	4.06	15.83
Hot Cereal Breakfast	2000g	64.99	16	125g	510	4.06	15.92
Porridge with Strawberries	2000g	64.99	16	125g	586	4.06	13.86
Mains (8)							
Boeuf Stroganof	2000g	64.99	16	125g	483	4.06	16.81
Chicken and Vegetable	2000g	64.99	16	125g	517	4.06	15.71
Pasta							
Chicken Pesto Pasta	2000g	64.99	16	125g	487	4.06	16.67
Mexican Chilli Con Carnie	2000g	64.99	16	125g	488	4.06	16.64
Mild Chicken Korma	2000g	64.99	16	125g	480	4.06	16.92
Spaghetti Bolognaise	2000g	64.99	16	125g	469	4.06	17.31
(V) Vegetarian Thai Rice	2000g	64.99	16	125g	484	4.06	16.78
(V) Vegetarian Tikka	2000g	64.99	16	125g	484	4.06	16.78

Notes:

6. LYO Expedition - https://lyofood.com

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^{*} Cost in Great Britain Ponds (GBP) at 30 March 2018

Lyofood (previously part of Lyovit) are a German company producing "optimally balanced" nutritional freeze-dried food from "100% natural and fresh ingredients" and "without preservatives or artificial additives". Their food is cooked before freeze drying. They market their food under the brand name **LYO Expedition**.

They have ISO certified facilities and laboratories (? in Poland). They claim a long shelf life (3 years) as each pouch is hermetically sealed and contains an oxygen absorber. They market their product as suitable for both long term emergency food storage and use by campers, sailors, hikers, climbers and expeditions.

They sell directly online from their own website (in Euros). They offer free postage to the UK for orders over Euro 225. They also offer "Big Packs" of some meals (500g re-hydrated per serving rather than 370g). Their full range is illustrated in Table 6.1 below.



Table 6.1

POUCHES	Net Pouch weight dry product	Cost Euro*	Servings	Add water	kcal per serving	Cost Euro per 2000 kcal	Cost GBP per 2000 kcal
Breakfasts (2)							
Coconut Porridge with Blueberries	100g	5.90	1	200ml	518	22.78	19.94
Millet Porridge with	?	?	1	?	?	?	?
Raspberries							
Soups (5)							
Cream of Broccoli and Spinach	37g	5.20	1	333ml	123	84.55	74.40
Cream of Leek and Onion	37g	5.20	1	333ml	123	84.55	74.40
Cream of Mushroom	37g	5.60	1	333ml	139	80.58	70.91
Cream of Tomato and Pepper	37g	5.60	1	333ml	135	82.96	73.01
Goulash Soup	80g	7.80	1	420ml	310	50.32	44.28
Mains (12)							
Barley Lentil Risotto	110g	8.80	1	390ml	433	40.64	35.76
Beef Stroganoff	113g	8.90	1	257ml	432	41.20	36.26

Bigos (Polish Sauerkraut)	80g	8.80	1	420ml	316	55.70	48.75
Chicken Tikka Masala	95g	8.70	1	275ml	560	31.07	27.34
Farfalle with Gorgonzola	98g	7.50	1	272ml	439	34.17	30.07
Five Spice Chicken	82g	7.50	1	288ml	316	47.47	41.77
Mexican Dish	94g	8.50	1	276ml	359	47.35	41.67
Nettle Curry	110g	9.99	1	390ml	530	37.70	33.18
Penne al la Bolognaise	95g	8.00	1	275ml	384	41.67	36.67
Pork Loin in Dill	77g	8.50	1	293ml	316	53.80	47.34
Pork Loin in Green Pepper	79g	8.50	1	291ml	330	51.52	45.34
Stew with Pearl Barley	83g	7.50	1	287ml	334	44.91	39.52
Fruit (6)							
Apple	30g	4.00	1	?	112	71.43	62.86
Banana	30g	3.50	1	?	112	62.50	55.00
Exotic Pleasure	30g	4.00	1	?	112	71.43	62.86
Fruity Dream	30g	4.50	1	?	110	81.82	72.00
Strawberry	20g	4.00	1	?	71	112.68	99.16
Wild Berry Mix	30g	5.00	1	?	102	98.04	86.28

7. Drytech Real Turmat - https://drytech.no/en/

Address: Evjenvegen 130, Tromso, Norway

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Drytech, a Norwegian company produce a range of freeze-dried meals under the brand names REAL TURMAT and REAL FIELD MEAL with a stated shelf life of 5 years from the date of manufacture. Their range is show in Table 7.1 below.



Table 7.1

^{* 1} Euro = 0.88 GBP

POUCHES – Real Turmat	Net Pouch	Cost Krone*	Servings	Add water	kcal per	Cost Krone	Cost GBP per 2000
	weight				serving	per	kcal
	dry					2000	
	product					kcal	
Breakfast (2)							
Chocolate Muesli	114g	65	1	236ml	447	290.83	26.31
Fruit Muesli	113g	65	1	237ml	417	311.75	28.06
Soup (2)							
Bidos (Reindeer) Soup	54g	59	1	316ml	246	479.68	43.17
Meat Soup	55g	59	1	315ml	254	464.57	41.81
Mains (17)							
Beef and Potato Stew	108g	110	1	392ml	557	394.97	35.55
Pasta Bolognese	122g	95	1	378ml	525	361.91	32.57
Reindeer Stew	111g	125	1	389ml	578	432.53	38.93
Chicken Curry	132g	95	1	368ml	627	303.03	27.27
Pilled Pork with Rice	121g	99	1	379ml	547	361.97	32.58
Chilli Con Carne	133g	95	1	367ml	569	333.92	30.05
Sweet and Sour Pork	127g	95	1	373ml	592	320.95	28.89
Beef Stew	128g	105	1	372ml	603	348.26	31.34
Kebab Stew	138g	95	1	362ml	596	318.79	28.69
Beef Stew with Broccoli	120g	110	1	380ml	526	418.25	37.64
Creamy Salmon with Pasta	129g	99	1	371ml	601	329.45	29.65
Lamb Stew	100g	99	1	400ml	502	394.42	35.50
Chicken Tikka Masala	133g	95	1	367ml	579	328.15	29.53
Cod in Curry Sauce	96g	99	1	404ml	511	387.48	34.87
Couscous with Lentils and	121g	95	1	379ml	508	374.02	33.66
Spinach							
Chicken with Lentils and Lime	120g	95	1	380ml	527	360.53	32.45
Creamy Pasta with Pork	128g	95	1	372ml	646	294.12	26.47

^{*} Norwegian Krone = 0.09 GBP