

FIELD KITCHEN UNIT

DESCRIPTION	Field Kitchen Units are deployable feeding units, typically a trailer or tractor-trailer with accompanying personnel, set up at a stationary location to produce a significant quantity of meals.
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Mass Care Services
RESOURCE KIND	Unit
OVERALL FUNCTION	Field kitchens provide a centralized food production site that prepares and serves food to survivors and responders, or for distribution by Food Service Delivery Units. Food service capabilities are based on a predetermined standard meal.
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The type of kitchen ordered depends on the number of meals needed 2. This resource is not recommended for short-term service delivery, and once this unit is delivered, it typically is not moved until demobilization

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
MAXIMUM DAILY MEAL OUTPUT PER UNIT	20,001+ meals	10,001 - 20,000 meals	5,001 - 10,000 meals	1 - 5,000 meals	Food service capabilities are based on the volume of meals served with a serving size of (or equivalent to) an eight-ounce entree, six-ounce vegetable, and six-ounce fruit. Operational needs guide actual serving size provided during an incident/event.
MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER UNIT	Same as Type 4	Same as Type 4	Same as Type 4	1 NIMS Type 1 Field Kitchen Manager	A NIMS Type 1 Field Kitchen Manager is a supervisor or manager certified to a nationally recognized standard of food service preparation as described in NIMS Job Title and Position Qualification (509-9): Field Kitchen Manager.
SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER UNIT	40 workers	30 workers	20 workers	15 workers	The deploying agency determines the team structure and span of control for managers and staff, as recommended by the National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines.



Resource Typing Definition for Mass Care Services Mass Care Services

NOTES

1. Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.
2. Further guidance on food procurement systems may be found on the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster website at www.nvoad.org.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 509-9 Field Kitchen Manager
2. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017

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