Eighteenth-Century Foods

	Gentry	Middling Sort	Lower Sort/Slaves/Free Blacks
Meat	various fish (including shellfish), domestic fowl, fresh beef, pork, goat, mutton, game, cured ham	same as gentry, but smaller amounts and less choice	very little meat—only what they raised or trapped themselves
Vegetables	beans, corn, peas, potatoes, cabbage, onions, turnips, parsnips, carrots, squash, cauliflower, broccoli, lettuce, radishes, asparagus, leeks, cucumbers, pumpkins, Brussels sprouts	some vegetables, depending on income and what they could grown themselves	whatever they could grow themselves
Fruit	persimmons, apples, lemons, oranges, grapes, strawberries, blackberries, plums, raspberries, melons	some fruit, depending on income and what they could grow themselves	whatever they could grow or gather themselves
Sweets	pies, compotes, preserves, cakes, trifle, custards, cheesecake, pudding, gingerbread, chocolate	depended on income	very little because sugar was expensive