



## Food

Of the countless blessings that Chicagoans are grateful for, perhaps the greatest is that the city shows no signs of going hungry soon. Nestled comfortably on Lake Michigan at the gate of America's heartland, Chicago has ample access to the ingredients for nearly any meal: water, grain, corn, beef - just about anything



that midwest farmers choose to grow or raise. These raw ingredients combine with a hard work ethic and spectacular transportation facilities to give Chicago the provisions to feed themselves, America, and indeed the world.

Herbert Hoover gained fame for promising a chicken in every pot. Chicago, however, beat him to the punch by saying, "let them eat steak." And while there is no doubt that Chicago's meat packing industry is the most famous in the world, sirloins and t-bones aren't the only thing on the menu. The Chicago style hotdog is a unique creation in and of itself. Of course, no trip to Chi-town is complete without at least one helping of Chicago deep dish pizza. This is the stuff that tourists dream of when they go back home.

Chicago puts the oo in food. Snack lovers far (and sometimes wide) crave the delicious combination of Nabisco's crackers and Kraft Cheese. Locals with a sweet tooth are happy to know that Chicago is America's largest producer of candy. Who hasn't enjoyed sitting on the bleachers at Wrigley Field singing, "buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks!" Well those Cracker Jacks made their debut right here in Chicago at the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893. But also consider it wouldn't be Wrigley Field without Wrigley's gum. Tootsie Rolls and Hostess Twinkies - other Chicago confections - have helped to sweeten our lives even more.

From the morning hot bowl of Quaker Oats and a Snapple to a midnight snack of Keebler Cookies and Dean's milk, staying on a "made in Chicago" diet is a piece of cake. Which, by the way, is made locally by Sara Lee.

## CHICAGO GREATS:

- 1 **Oscar Mayer** - His bologna has a third name, too - it's M-O-N-E-Y.
- 2 **Ray Kroc** - From Big Macs and Happy Meals this high-school dropout's hamburger joint turned into a McFortune.
- 3 **Jay Morton** - Pass the salt.
- 4 **William Wrigley** - He had to sell a lot of Juicy Fruit in order to buy the Chicago Cubs.
- 5 **Charles Wacker** - Though not a household name, Wacker made his fortune in beer, which merited naming rights to one Chicago street.



▲ William Wrigley Jr.  
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