FOOD FACTS FROM THE CARNIVAL ELATION

MIAMI -- Weekly food and beverage consumption aboard the Carnival Elation reflects the line's tradition of keeping its pampered guests happy by serving eight meals and snacks every day of their vacations at sea, plus providing complimentary 24-hour room service and pizza.

The Elation -- in just a week -- will serve its guests:

2,400	pounds of tenderloin
2,400	pounds of chicken
2,000	steaks
35,000	shrimp
3,200	hot dogs
5,500	hamburgers

And for breakfast lovers:

900	gallons of fruit juices
36,000	bacon slices
315	pounds of coffee
900	gallons of homogenized milk
1,800	bagels
3,750	individual boxes of breakfast cereal
20,800	slices of white bread
10,950	Danish pastries
4,800	slices of French toast
5,880	pancakes

Here are some fruit and vegetable figures:

10,000	tomatoes
22,100	potatoes
2,600	heads of iceberg lettuce
10,080	bananas
2,250	apples
2,400	cantaloupes
1,000	fresh pineapples

Don't forget the Italian deck officers, who help guests finish off 1,200 pounds of pasta and 3,000 pizzas.

Pastries are all made aboard "from scratch," using in part:

1,000	pounds of cake mixes
800	pounds of flour
450	pounds of shortening

Thirsty "Fun Ship" guests drink their way through:

18,200	cans of soft drinks, plus another
720	gallons from the bar fountain
1,200	gallons of iced tea

And those are just a few of the 1,500 or so separate items consumed by guests aboard the Carnival Elation in a single week.