



Recipe Labor Evaluation Worksheet

Ready to Use (RTU),
Ready to Bake (RTB)

1-3 ingredients

Minimum Labor
Hours/Prep Time

Extreme Staffing
Shortage

Little or No Culinary
Knowledge

Example: Stouffers
Mac & Cheese

Semi-Scratch

<5 ingredients
(prepared produce)

Moderate Labor
Hours/Prep Time

Slight Staffing
Shortage

Some Culinary
Knowledge

Example: Mac &
Cheese using pre-
made cheese sauce

Scratch (Homemade)

5+ ingredients

Maximum Labor
Hours/Prep Time

Fully Staffed

Advanced Culinary
Knowledge

Example: Mac &
Cheese with
homemade cheese
sauce