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You must say the blessing which was designed to be said on each type of food. *B'diavad*, a lower level blessing will still cover the food.

From lowest to highest level, here are the food fore-blessings:

- She'hakol,
- Borei pri ha'adama,
- Borei pri ha'eitz (on common fruits),
- Borei pri ha'eitz (on the Five Special Fruits)

NOTE You will only say borei pri ha'eitz ONCE to include both common fruits and also special fruits that you will eat at one sitting,

- Borei minei mezonot,
- Borei pri ha'gafen, and
- Ha'motzi lechem min ha'aretz.

Fore-Blessings (Bracha Rishona): Which Level To Say

In general, say the highest-level fore-blessing (bracha rishona) on a food.

NOTE As some foods get processed by cooking or by other means, they qualify for a higher-level blessing.

EXAMPLES

- Raw, rolled oats only merit the fore-blessing of she'hakol. But once the oats are cooked, the blessing of borei minei mezonot applies.
NOTE Raw oats could get the fore-blessing borei pri ha'adama, since they grow directly in the earth. But because oats are not normally considered edible when raw, they get demoted to she'hakol.
- A raw grape or raisin gets the blessing of borei pri ha'eitz. But once made into wine or grape juice, it merits borei pri ha'gafen.