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There are 24 meal combinations altogether.

$$2 \times 4 \times 3 = 24$$

20 combinations

$$1 \times 1 \times 20$$

$$1 \times 2 \times 10$$

$$1 \times 4 \times 5$$

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Accept all other variations of these four multiplications e.g. $1 \times 20 \times 1$

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