

Food Inventory Requirements

I. Requirements for All Vendors

- a. The vendor shall have a reasonable variety of the authorized WIC foods for the vendor's peer group, as listed in Section II, on the vendor's shelves for purchase.
- b. The vendor is required to carry store brands/private label products for the following food items: *milk, cheese, peanut butter, eggs, beans, canned tuna fish, brown rice, juice and cereal (*Because store brand milk is not always available in quart size, specific authorized brands of quart size milk will be specified).
- c. During monitoring of the vendor, an inventory count of required authorized WIC food items will be conducted. The State Agency will take corrective action for any food items lacking sufficient stock or variety, or found to be out of date. This may result in non-authorization, violation points, or disqualification of the vendor as appropriate.

II. Requirements by Peer Group

- a. Vendors agree to stock and have on the shelf the following minimum varieties and quantities of WIC food items:

| Minimum Food Inventory Requirements by Peer Group | | | |
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| Requirements | Peer 1 & 2 | Peer 3 & 4 | Peer 5 |
| Infant Formula | | | |
| Similac Advance Powder 12.4 oz | 12 cans on shelf 2 additional cases in store | 12 cans on shelf 1 additional case in store | 9 cans on shelf |
| Similac Soy Isomil Powder 12.4 oz | 12 cans on shelf | 9 cans on shelf | Required upon request |
| The vendor must acquire additional quantities of WIC contract infant formulas and other infant formulas available through grocery wholesalers, above the minimum inventory requirements, in order to redeem WIC benefits within 72 hours of request, and without causing participant hardship or inconvenience. | | | |
| Infant Cereal | | | |
| 2 different varieties | 8 – 8oz Containers | 6 – 8oz Containers | 4 – 8 oz. Containers |
| Infant Fruits, Vegetables and Meats | | | |
| 4 oz jars or 2-packs of single variety fruits, 4 oz jars or 2-packs of single variety vegetables | 3 Different varieties of fruit 2 Different varieties of vegetables 96 Jars total of any combination | 2 Different varieties - fruit 2 Different varieties - vegetables 64 Jars total of any combination | 2 Different varieties - fruit 2 Different varieties - vegetables 32 Jars total of any combination |

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| Infant Meats - 2.5 oz jars | 3 different varieties 20 jars total | 2 different varieties 15 jars total | 2 different varieties 10 jars total |
| Milk Gallon Size | | | |
| Whole Milk | 5 Gallons | 4 Gallons | 2 Gallons |
| 2% Milk | 5 Gallons | 4 Gallons | 2 Gallons |
| 1% Milk | 5 Gallons | 4 Gallons | 2 Gallons |
| Skim Milk | 5 Gallons | 4 Gallons | 2 Gallons |
| Milk ½ Gallon Size | | | |
| Whole Milk | 3 – ½ Gallons | 2 – ½ Gallons | 1 – ½ Gallon |
| 2% Milk | 3 – ½ Gallons | 2 – ½ Gallons | 1 – ½ Gallon |
| 1% Milk or Skim | 3 – ½ Gallons | 2 – ½ Gallons | 1 – ½ Gallon |
| Milk Quart Size | | | |
| Whole Milk | 3 Quarts | 2 Quarts | 1 Quart |
| 2% Milk | 3 Quarts | 2 Quarts | 1 Quart |
| 1% Milk or Skim | 3 Quarts | 2 Quarts | 1 Quart |
| Cheese | | | |
| Different Varieties | 4 varieties – 5 packages | 2 varieties – 5 packages | 2 varieties – 2 packages |
| Yogurt | | | |
| Low-Fat/Non-Fat | 4–32 oz. Containers | 4–32 oz. Containers | 2 –32 oz. Containers |
| Whole Fat | 4– 32 oz. Containers | 2 – 32 oz. Containers | 2 – 32 oz. Containers |
| Cereal | | | |
| Cold and hot cereals | 6 different varieties – 4 boxes of each variety. At least 3 varieties must be whole grain. | 4 different varieties – 4 boxes of each variety. At least 2 varieties must be whole grain. | 2 different varieties – 2 boxes of each variety. At least 1 variety must be whole grain. |
| Juice | | | |
| 12 oz. Frozen Juice 2 different flavors/variety | 6 containers of each flavor/variety | 6 containers of each flavor/variety | 4 containers of each flavor/variety |
| 64 oz. full Strength Juice 2 different flavors/variety | 6 containers of each flavor/variety | 6 containers of each flavor/variety | 4 containers of each flavor/variety |
| Eggs | | | |
| 1 dozen Medium or Large | 10 Dozen | 6 Dozen | 2 Dozen |
| Peanut Butter | | | |
| 2 different varieties (i.e creamy & crunchy) 16-18 oz. | 8 containers of each variety | 4 containers of each variety | 2 containers of each variety |
| Dried Beans | | | |
| 16 oz package | 4 different varieties – 4 packages of each variety | 3 different varieties – 3 packages of each variety | 2 different varieties – 2 packages of each variety |

| Canned Beans | | | |
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| 15 – 16 oz cans | 2 different varieties – 8 cans of each variety | 2 different varieties – 6 cans of each variety | 2 different varieties – 4 cans of each variety |
| Canned Fish | | | |
| 2 different varieties Light tuna or Salmon | 10 – 5 oz. Cans of each variety | 6 – 5 oz. Cans of each variety | 4 – 5oz. cans of each variety |
| Fresh Fruits & Vegetables | | | |
| Fresh Fruit | 6 different varieties 12 individual pieces of each | 4 different varieties 8 individual pieces of each | 2 different varieties 4 individual pieces of each |
| Fresh Vegetables | 4 different varieties 12 individual pieces of each | 4 different varieties 8 individual pieces of each | 2 different varieties 4 individual pieces of each |
| Bread | | | |
| 16 oz whole wheat bread | 1 variety 8 loaves | 1 variety 6 loaves | 1 variety 4 loaves |
| Brown Rice | | | |
| 14-16 oz | 2 varieties - 8 packages | 1 variety – 6 packages | 1 variety – 4 packages |
| Tortillas | | | |
| 16 oz Soft corn or whole wheat | 2 varieties - 8 packages | 1 variety – 6 packages | 1 variety – 4 packages |