

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, eggs, beans, brown rice. (*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 The State Agency will take corrective action for any food items lacking sufficient stock or variety, or found to be out of date.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			
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			
1 variety	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

Infant Meats - 2.5 oz jars	2 different varieties 20 jars total	2 different varieties 15 jars total	1 variety 8 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	8–32 oz. Containers	8–32 oz. Containers	4 –32 oz. Containers
Whole Fat	8– 32 oz. Containers	8– 32 oz. Containers	4 – 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			
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			

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	12 – 5 oz. Cans of each variety	10 – 5 oz. Cans of each variety	8 – 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	3 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	3 different varieties 4 individual pieces of each
Bread			
16 oz or 24 oz Whole wheat bread	1 variety 8 loaves	1 variety 6 loaves	1 variety 4 loaves
Brown Rice			
14 oz-16 oz OR 32 oz Box or bag	2 varieties - 8 packages	1 variety – 6 packages	1 variety – 4 packages
Tortillas			
12 oz - 32 oz Soft corn or whole wheat	2 varieties - 8 packages	1 variety – 6 packages	1 variety – 4 packages