

Connecticut WIC Program Retailer Bulletin-December 2018
Revised Minimum Inventory effective 1/1/2019-Replace this page in the WIC Vendor Agreement

FY19 WIC VENDOR AGREEMENT APPENDIX B- MINIMUM INVENTORY REQUIREMENTS

For food stores, all food items below are required of vendor applicants awaiting pre-authorization visits and all currently authorized food stores. For pharmacies, only infant formula is required of vendor applicants awaiting pre-authorization visits and all currently authorized pharmacies.

At all times, the vendor must maintain each of the following WIC approved foods in the quantities stated with future expiration dates on the shelves or store premises. To ensure constant availability of WIC approved foods to WIC customers, a vendor may have to stock these food items in larger quantities than is required. See the WIC Approved Food Guide for specific products and brand names allowed. This minimum inventory serves 2-3 WIC participants.

FOOD ITEM	CONTAINER SIZE	MINIMUM QUANTITIES AND REQUIRED NUMBER OF KIND/TYPE/VARIETIES
Milk-1%/Low-fat/Light, or Skim/ Fat Free/Nonfat	Gallons and/or Half gallons	6 Gallons-Any combination of gallons and/or half gallons (12 half gallons=6 gallons)
Milk-Whole	Gallons and/or Half gallons	3 Gallons-Any combination of gallons and/or half gallons (6 half gallons = 3 gallons)
Evaporated Milk	12 oz. cans	12 cans
Cheese	8 or 16 oz., packages	4 pounds-2 varieties and 2 pounds of each
Eggs Large White <u>or</u> Brown	1 dozen carton	4 dozen
Fluid Juice-Plastic Bottles	64 oz. plastic bottles	3 varieties 12 bottles
Fruits-Fresh, Frozen, Canned	Pounds, pieces, cans, bags, boxes	\$25 worth fresh, frozen or canned 2 different kinds must be fresh fruits
Vegetables Fresh, Frozen, Canned	Pounds, pieces, cans, bags, boxes	\$25 worth fresh, frozen or canned 2 different kinds must be fresh vegetables
Bread Whole Wheat/Whole Grain Tortillas Whole Wheat/Soft Corn Brown Rice/Whole Wheat Pasta	1 pound (lb.) loaves or packages 14-16 oz./1 lb. packages of rice only	6 packages
Legumes-Dry/Beans, Peas, Lentils	1 pound (lb.) bags	2 varieties 4 bags of dry beans, peas or lentils
Legumes-Canned Beans/Peas	15-16 oz. cans	8 cans of beans or peas (black eye, chick, pigeon)
Canned Fish-Chunk Light Tuna, Salmon or Sardines	3.75 oz. sardines, 5 oz. tuna, 6-15 oz. salmon	6 cans
Cold Cereal	12 oz. or larger bags, boxes	3 varieties of cold cereal and 3 boxes of each variety. 1 variety must be whole grain
Peanut Butter	16-18 oz. jars	3 jars
Baby Food-Fruits	4 or 8 oz. jars or packages Any Brand	2 varieties 36 jars or packages
Baby Food-Vegetables	4 or 8 oz. jars or packages Any Brand	2 varieties 36 jars or packages
Infant Cereal (Plain)	8 oz. containers or boxes	2 varieties 3 containers or boxes of each variety
Infant Formula	13 oz. metal cans of concentrate <u>AND/OR</u> 12.4 oz. cans of powder	24 units of Similac Advance, in any combination of 13 oz. concentrate or 12.4 oz. cans of powder

For any requested WIC approved food item that is not a minimum inventory requirement, but on a participant's benefit, an attempt must be made to make the product available to the WIC customer within 48 hours of the request, excluding holidays and weekends.

Only those items that are in good condition (fresh/undamaged) and are not beyond the expiration date or have not exceeded its "sell by", "best if used by", "manufacturer suggested", or other date limiting the sale or use of the food item shall be considered. Refer to the WIC Program Food Guide for the approved WIC foods <http://www.portal.ct.gov/DPH/WIC/Approved-Food-Guide>.