

MINIMUM INVENTORY REQUIREMENTS-FOOD STORE**REQUIRED of all APPLICANTS awaiting on-site monitoring visits and ALL currently authorized VENDORS.**

The vendor must maintain each of the following WIC approved foods, in the quantities stated, on the shelves or store premises at all times. To ensure constant availability of WIC foods to WIC customers, a vendor may have to stock the WIC food items in much larger quantities than is required. See the WIC Approved Food Guide for product specifications and brand names that are allowed.

FOOD ITEM	CONTAINER SIZE	MINIMUM QUANTITIES AND REQUIRED NUMBER OF KINDS/TYPES/VARIETIES
Fluid Milk	Gallons Half Gallons	8 gallons: 6 gallons of 1% (Lowfat/Light), or Skim (Fat Free/Nonfat) combined PLUS 2 gallons of Whole <u>AND</u> 8 half gallons of milk: 6 half gallons of 1% (Lowfat/Light), or Skim (Fat Free/Nonfat) combined PLUS 2 half gallons of Whole
Evaporated Milk	12 oz. cans	12 cans of evaporated milk
Cheese	Prepackaged (16 ounces)	2 varieties of cheese and 2 pounds/32 oz. of each variety
Eggs	1 dozen carton	4 dozen large white <u>or</u> brown eggs
Juice	11.5 or 12 oz. cans of concentrate <u>AND</u> 64 oz. plastic bottles of fluid	3 varieties with combined total of: 12 cans of frozen or liquid concentrate juice <u>AND</u> 12 plastic bottles of fluid juice
Fruits	Pounds, pieces, cans bags, boxes	\$25 worth (at retail prices) and at least 2 varieties total. 2 varieties (different) must be fresh fruits Other varieties may be canned or frozen.
Vegetables	Pounds, pieces, cans bags, boxes	\$25 worth (at retail prices) and at least 2 varieties total. 2 varieties (different) must be fresh vegetables Other varieties may be canned or frozen.
Whole Wheat/Whole Grain Bread Whole Wheat/Soft Corn Tortillas	1 pound (lb.) loaves 16 oz (1 lb.) packages	6 units total: 2 packages of Whole Wheat or Whole Grain Bread <u>AND</u> 4 packages of WIC approved Breads or Tortillas
Legumes – Dry and Canned Beans, Peas, Lentils	1 pound (lb.) bag 15-16 oz. cans	2 varieties with combined total of: 4 bags of dry <u>AND</u> 8 cans of beans, peas or lentils
Canned Tuna Fish	5 oz. can	6 cans of light tuna
Hot Cereal	14 oz. box or larger	1 variety and 2 boxes of that variety.
Cold Cereal	14 oz. or larger bags, boxes	3 varieties of cold cereal and 3 boxes of each variety. At least one variety must be whole grain.
Peanut Butter	16-18 oz. container	1 variety and 3 jars of that variety
Baby Food – Fruits & Vegetables	4 oz. jars only -Beech-Nut Classics brand- Stage 2	36 jars of Beech-Nut baby food fruits and 2 varieties 36 jars of Beech-Nut baby food vegetables and 2 varieties
Infant Cereal (plain)	8 oz. box-Beech-Nut brand only	2 varieties of Beech-Nut infant cereal and 3 boxes of each variety
Infant Formula	Full boxes of six bottles, 8 oz. concentrate (1.5 QT) = one unit <u>AND/OR</u> 12.5 oz. cans of powder= one unit	24 units of Similac Advance, in any combination of six bottle boxes of 8 oz. concentrate or 12.5 oz. cans of powder

Any WIC-approved food or infant formula item that is not listed as a minimum inventory requirement, but is provided as a WIC benefit must be made available to any WIC customer upon request within 48 hours of the request.

** Only those items that are in good condition (undamaged) and are not beyond the expiration date or have not exceeded it's "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.

WIC FOOD PRICING REQUIREMENTS-FOOD STORE

EVERY ITEM IN YOUR STORE THAT IS WIC APPROVED MUST HAVE ITS PRICE POSTED

PRICES MAY BE POSTED:

On the item itself (top, bottom, or side of container); or on the shelf that the item is sitting on (with a small sign or shelf tag); or on a sign attached to the door of a cooler or freezer in front of the item

If signs are damaged, they must be replaced immediately! If items are moved to a different location in the store, the pricing sign must be moved with it.

Posting your Price/Stock Survey at the register does not qualify for posting all WIC food prices.

(Suggestion: To avoid frequent replacement of signs on cooler doors or freezers, cover the sign with plastic wrap and attach to the inside of the door).

PRICE SELECTION CRITERIA:

Your prices will be compared with the prices of other stores that are similar in size to your store and located in a geographical area with the same population density (1-1,500, 1,501-3000, or greater than 3,001 people per square mile). If your prices are higher than the average price for your size store and population density, your store may not be selected for authorization. YOU MUST KEEP YOUR PRICES REASONABLE.

Note: Suggested retail prices set by wholesale distributors may be higher than the WIC Program's not to exceed limits and may not meet the price selection criteria.

UNANNOUNCED ON-SITE MONITORING VISIT (i.e. STORE INSPECTION)

You must pass the unannounced on-site monitoring visit (i.e. store inspection) conducted by a representative from the State WIC Program. This means that all WIC foods in your store are priced and the store is stocked with the required minimum inventory. Once this has been done, your prices are then subject to the WIC Program's Price Selection Criteria of all WIC foods.