

REVISED TENNESSEE WIC PROGRAM MINIMUM STOCK REQUIREMENTS

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. **Minimum quantities must be stocked at all times regardless of the number of WIC transactions at any given time. Failure to do so may result in termination of the WIC Vendor Agreement and/or disqualification as an authorized WIC vendor.**
2. **Only approved foods within the manufacturer's product eligibility dates and priced in a clearly visible location will be counted towards meeting minimum stock.**
3. Three (3) lists have been developed for the new WIC Food Packages. They are based on the kind of store (Major Chain, Large Independent, Small Independent, etc.). Regional Vendor Representatives will notify each vendor applicant or authorized vendor as to which list (Large, Medium, or Small) applies to their location.
4. Each list is based on the vendor's ability to transact a specific number of WIC food instruments (FIs) for many food categories. This includes four (4) FIs for "Large", three (3) FIs for "Medium", and two (2) FIs for "Small". However, where appropriate, some categories have been adjusted to require a lesser amount.
5. Remarks in the "Comments" column provide general information for stocking each food category. Refer to the "Tennessee WIC Food List" for specifics.
6. Where it says "Optional", vendors using that minimum stock list do not have to carry that category or item. However, if they do, minimum stock must be stocked at all times.
7. Each list includes the federal requirement that at least one (1) variety of eligible cereal stocked must be a whole grain cereal.
8. Each list includes minimum stock for Cash Value Vouchers (CVVs) to be used for purchasing fruits and vegetables. This includes the federal requirement that at least a minimum of two (2) varieties of eligible fruits and two (2) varieties of eligible vegetables must be stocked at all times.

FOOD FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN—FOOD INSTRUMENTS (FIs)

CATEGORY	MINIMUM REQUIREMENT			COMMENTS
	Large	Medium	Small	
Fluid Milk	16 gallons with at least 12 in other than whole milk	12 gallons with at least 9 in other than whole milk	8 gallons with at least 6 in other than whole milk	May include combination of whole, skim, low-fat, fat-free, or sweet acidophilus in gallon containers.
Lactose Reduced Milk; Lactose Free Milk	16 quarts or 8 half-gallons (cannot be combination of size but can be combination of “Reduced” and “Free”)	Optional: 12 quarts or 6 half-gallons (cannot be combination of size but can be combination of “Reduced and “Free”)	Optional: 4 quarts or 2 half-gallons (cannot be combination of size but can be combination of “Reduced and “Free”)	
Eggs	8 dozen Grade A Large	6 dozen Grade A Large	4 dozen Grade A Large	White eggs only in cartons of 12.
Cheese	8 lbs.	6 lbs.	4 lbs.	May include combination of eligible varieties or blends thereof in 8 oz. or 16 oz. packages; Store brand/private label only unless none is carried.
Tofu	4 (14-16 oz) packages	Optional: 3 (14-16 oz) packages	Optional: 2 (14-16 oz) packages	Must be calcium-set (made with calcium salts). Food List & Cashier Card state eligible brands.
Non-fat Dry Powdered Milk	Optional: 4 (9.6 oz) packages	Optional: 3 (9.6 oz) packages	Optional: 2 (9.6 oz) packages	The 9.6 oz package is the only eligible size. It constitutes to the allowed amount of 3 qts.
Buttermilk	4 quarts low-fat (any additional can be whole or low-fat)	Optional: 3 quarts low-fat (any additional can be whole or low-fat)	Optional: 2 quarts low-fat (any additional can be whole or low-fat)	Although most available buttermilk is low-fat, both whole and low-fat are allowed unless Food Instrument says “low-fat”.
Evaporated Milk	4 (12 oz.) cans	3 (12 oz.) cans	2 (12 oz.) cans	
Soy Beverage	12 quarts or 6 half-gallons (not in combination)	Optional: 12 quarts or 6 half-gallons (not in combination)	Optional: 8 quarts or 4 half-gallons (not in combination)	Food List & Cashier Card state eligible brands and sizes.
Dried Beans/Peas; Canned Beans	4 (1 lb) bags of dried beans/peas or 16 (15-16 oz) cans of canned beans	3 (1 lb) bags of dried beans/peas or 12 (15-16 oz) cans of canned beans	2 (1 lb) bags of dried beans/peas or 8 (15-16 oz) cans of canned beans	May include cans or packages of mixed beans.
Juice	12 (11.5-12 oz) frozen and/or 12 (46-48 oz) shelf containers or combination thereof representing at least 4 flavors; 8 (64 oz) plastic containers representing at least 3 flavors	9 (11.5-12 oz) frozen and/or 9 (46-48 oz) shelf containers or combination thereof representing at least 3 flavors ; 6 (64 oz) plastic containers representing at least 2 flavors	6 (11.5-12 oz) frozen and/or 6 (46-48 oz) shelf containers or combination thereof representing 2 flavors and 4 (64 oz) plastic containers representing at least 2 flavors	May include combination of eligible flavors and brands; Calcium fortified juices are eligible; No bottle or carton juice from dairy cases.

CATEGORY	MINIMUM REQUIREMENT			COMMENTS
Peanut Butter	4 (16 – 18 oz) jars	3 (16 – 18 oz) jars	2 (16 – 18 oz) jars	May include combination of smooth or crunchy.
Tuna	12 (5-6 oz) cans	12 (5-6 oz) cans	6 (5-6 oz) cans	Light tuna only. May include combination of oil or water packed. No albacore.
Salmon	4 (14.75 oz) cans	4 (14.75 oz) cans	Optional: 2 (14.75 oz) cans	May include products with bones or skin.
Sardines	16 (3.75 oz) cans	8 (3.75 oz) cans	Optional: 8 (3.75 oz) cans	May include products in tomato or mustard sauce.
Cereals	12 packages representing at least 4 kinds	10 packages representing at least 3 kinds	6 packages representing at least 2 kinds	May include combination of eligible cold and hot cereals. Must include at least one (1) eligible whole grain cereal.
Whole Wheat/ Whole Grain Breads and/or Other Whole Grain Options	4 (12 -16 oz) bread, buns, and/ or rolls representing at least 2 varieties; 4 (12-16 oz) other grains or tortillas representing at least 2 varieties	3 (12-16 oz) bread, buns, and/or rolls representing at least 2 varieties; 3 (12-16 oz) other grains or tortillas representing at least 2 varieties	2 (12- 16 oz) bread, buns, and/or rolls representing at least 2 varieties; 2 (12-16 oz) other grains or tortillas representing at least 2 varieties	Breads include bread, buns and rolls with whole wheat or whole grain as first ingredient. Food List & Cashier Card state eligible brands; other options include brown rice, bulgur, oatmeal, barley, soft corn tortillas or whole wheat tortillas. Food List & Cashier Card state eligible brands of tortillas.

FOOD FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN—CASH VALUE VOUCHERS (CVVs)

CATEGORY	MINIMUM REQUIREMENT			COMMENTS
	Large	Medium	Small	
Fruits	At least 4 varieties	At least 3 varieties	At least 2 varieties	Can combine eligible fresh and frozen.
Vegetables	At least 4 varieties; Minimum of \$40 worth of eligible fruits & vegetables	At least 3 varieties; Minimum of \$30 worth of eligible fruits & vegetables	At least 2 varieties: Minimum of \$20 worth of eligible fruits & vegetables	Can combine eligible fresh and frozen.

FOOD FOR INFANTS

CATEGORY	MINIMUM REQUIREMENT			COMMENTS
	Large	Medium	Small	
Concentrate Infant Formula	37 (12.1 oz) cartons of milk based and 37 (12.1 oz) cartons of soy based or 74 of the same	Optional: 37(12.1 oz) cartons of milk based and 37 (12.1 oz) cartons of soy based or 74 of the same	Optional: 37(12.1 oz) cartons of milk based and 37 (12.1 oz) cartons of soy based or 74 of the same	WIC standard concentrate formulas: Gerber Good Start Gentle (milk based) Gerber Good Start Soy (soy based)
Powder Infant Formula: Milk and Soy Base	40 (12.7 oz) cans of milk based and 20 (12.9 oz) cans of soy based	Required: 30 (12.7 oz) cans of milk based Optional: 10 (12.9 oz) cans of soy based	Required: 20 (12.7 oz.) cans of milk based Optional: 10 (12.9 oz) cans of soy based	WIC standard powder formulas: Gerber Good Start Gentle (milk based- 12.7 oz) Gerber Good Start Soy (soy based- 12.9 oz)
Gerber Good Start Protect	20 (12.4 oz.) cans	Optional: 20 (12.4 oz.) cans	Optional: 10 (12.4 oz.) cans	
Infant Cereals	12 (8 oz) boxes representing at least 3 kinds	9 (8 oz) boxes representing at least 2 kinds	6 (8 oz) boxes representing at least 1 kind	May include boxes of mixed grains. Food List & Cashier Card state eligible brands.
Infant Fruits	64 (4 oz), 72 (3.5 oz), or 64 (mixture of 3.5 & 4 oz) containers or jars representing at least 3 kinds	48 (4 oz), 54 (3.5 oz), or 48 (mixture of 3.5 & 4 oz) containers or jars representing at least 3 kinds	32 (4 oz), 36 (3.5 oz), or 32 (mixture of 3.5 & 4 oz) containers or jars representing at least 2 kinds	Single food only, no mixed foods. Food List & Cashier Card state eligible brands. Two-packs are allowed.
Infant Vegetables	64 (4 oz), 72 (3.5 oz), or 64 (mixture of 3.5 & 4 oz) containers or jars representing at least 3 kinds	48 (4 oz), 54 (3.5 oz), or 48 (mixture of 3.5 & 4 oz) containers or jars representing at least 3 kinds	32 (4 oz), 36 (3.5 oz), or 32 (mixture of 3.5 & 4 oz) containers or jars representing at least 2 kinds	Single food only, no mixed foods. Food List & Cashier Card state eligible brands. Two-packs are allowed
Infant Meat	42 (2.5oz) jars representing at least 2 kinds	21 (2.5 oz) jars representing at least 2 kinds	Optional: 21 (2.5 oz) jars representing at least 2 kinds	Single type or plain meat or poultry in gravy or broth. Food List & Cashier Card state eligible brands.

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