

TENNESSEE WIC PROGRAM MINIMUM STOCK REQUIREMENTS

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. **Minimum quantities for all required categories and items 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. Adjustments to these quantities may be made during the effective period upon notification by a WIC Program representative.
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. **When multiple sizes of the same food category are allowed, the vendor is expected to attempt to stock at least one product of the maximum allowed size.**
4. There are (3) different minimum stock lists, depending on whether they are a major chain, large independent, small independent, etc. Regional Vendor Representatives will notify each vendor applicant or authorized vendor as to which list applies to their location.
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 have the option of carrying the suggested amounts of that category or item. If a vendor chooses to stock these items, the minimum stock requirements must be met.
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 Benefits (CVBs) 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.

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STOCK LIST ASSIGNMENTS

Effective June 1, 2018, the three (3) different minimum stock lists are based on WIC sales volume. Vendor stock list groupings have been assigned using WIC sales volume during the previous federal fiscal year or average monthly redemptions (whichever is available). Vendors have been assigned as follows:

<u>STOCK LIST ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>FFY WIC SALES (\$)</u>		<u>AVERAGE MONTHLY WIC SALES (\$)</u>
1. SMALL	Less than \$50,000		Less than \$4,166
2. MEDIUM	\$50,000 – Less than \$125,000	OR	\$4,166 – Less than \$10,417
3. LARGE	Greater than or equal to \$125,000		Greater than or equal to \$10,417

NOTES:

A semi-annual review of WIC sales will help to determine if there has been a significant increase or decrease. Such situations will be investigated and determined if changes are needed on a case-by-case basis.

New vendor applicants' projected sales will be used to determine the appropriate stock list group based on the classifications above. The original stock list assignment can be confirmed or changed at the time of the required visit to reassess the decision to authorize that vendor applicant.

FOOD FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

CATEGORY	MINIMUM REQUIREMENT			COMMENTS
	Large	Medium	Small	
Fluid Milk	16 gallons with at least 12 in other than whole or 2%	12 gallons with at least 9 in other than whole or 2%	8 gallons with at least 4 in other than whole or 2%	May include combination of whole, reduced fat (2%), low-fat (1%), non-fat (skim) or sweet acidophilus (1%) 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: 8 quarts or 4 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 only dairy & national brands carried.
Yogurt	6 (32 oz) tubs (must be combination of low-fat or non-fat and at least 1 of these options being whole fat)	5 (32 oz) tubs low-fat or non-fat (any additional can be whole, low-fat or non-fat)	Optional: 4 (32 oz) tubs or 2 (32 oz) tubs and 2 (4 oz) 4-pack low-fat or non-fat (any additional can be whole, low-fat or non-fat)	Food List states eligible brands.
Tofu; Evaporated Milk	3 (16 oz) packages of tofu or 3 (12 oz) cans of evaporated milk or combination thereof	Optional: 2 (16 oz) packages of tofu or 2 (12 oz) cans of evaporated milk or combination thereof	Optional: 1 (16 oz) package of tofu or 1 (12 oz) can of evaporated milk	Food List states eligible brands of tofu; Evaporated milk can be any eligible brand.
Non-fat Dry Powdered Milk	Optional: 3 (9.6 oz) packages	Optional: 2 (9.6 oz) packages	Optional: 1 (9.6 oz) packages	The 9.6 oz package is the only eligible size. It constitutes to the allowed amount of 3 qts.
Buttermilk	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)	Optional: 1 quart low-fat (any additional can be whole or low-fat)	
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 states eligible brands and sizes.

FOOD FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

CATEGORY	MINIMUM REQUIREMENT			COMMENTS
	Large	Medium	Small	
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 (48 oz) shelf containers or combination thereof representing at least 3 flavors; 8 (64 oz) plastic containers representing at least 3 flavors	9 (11.5-12 oz) frozen and/or 9 (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 (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 except orange juice.
Peanut Butter	4 (16 – 18 oz) jars	3 (16 – 18 oz) jars	2 (16 – 18 oz) jars	May include combination of creamy (smooth) or chunky (crunchy).
Tuna	12 (5 oz) cans	12 (5 oz) cans	6 (5 oz) cans	Light tuna only. May include combination of oil or water packed. No albacore.
Salmon; Jack Mackerel	4 (14.75 oz) cans of salmon and/or 4 (15 oz) cans of jack mackerel or combination thereof	4 (14.75 oz) cans of salmon and/or 4 (15 oz) cans of jack mackerel or combination thereof	Optional: 2 (14.75 oz) cans of salmon or 2 (15 oz) cans of jack mackerel	May include salmon 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 (16 oz) bread, buns, and/ or rolls representing at least 2 varieties; 4 (16 oz) other grains, tortillas or whole wheat macaroni (pasta) representing at least 2 varieties	3 (16 oz) bread, buns, and/or rolls representing at least 1 variety; 3 (16 oz) other grains, tortillas or whole wheat macaroni (pasta) representing at least 2 varieties	2 (16 oz) bread, buns, and/or rolls representing at least 1 variety; 2 (16 oz) other grains, tortillas or whole wheat macaroni (pasta) representing at least 1 variety	Breads include bread, buns and rolls. Food List states eligible brands; other options include brown rice, bulgur, oatmeal, barley, soft corn tortillas, whole wheat tortillas or whole grain macaroni (pasta). Food List & Cashier Card state eligible brands of tortillas and macaroni (pasta).

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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: Milk and Soy Based	Optional: 20 (13 oz) cans of milk based or 20 (13 oz) cans of soy based	Optional: 20 (13 oz) cans of milk based or 20 (13 oz) cans of soy based	Optional: 20 (13 oz) cans of milk based or 20 (13 oz) cans of soy based	WIC standard concentrate formulas: Similac Advance (milk based) Similac Soy Isomil (soy based)
Powder Infant Formula: Milk and Soy Based	Required: 20 (12.4 oz) containers of milk based and 10 (12.4 oz) containers of soy based	Required: 20 (12.4 oz) containers of milk based Optional: 10 (12.4 oz) containers of soy based	Required: 10 (12.4 oz.) containers of milk based Optional: 10 (12.4 oz) containers of soy based	WIC standard powder formulas: Similac Advance (milk based) Similac Soy Isomil (soy based)
Similac Total Comfort	Required: 10 (12 oz) containers	Optional: 10 (12 oz) containers	Optional: 10 (12 oz) containers	Available in powder only
Similac Sensitive	Required: 10 (12 oz) containers	Optional: 10 (12 oz) containers	Optional: 10 (12 oz) containers	Minimum is for Powder
Similac for Spit-Up	Required: 10 (12.3 oz) containers	Optional: 10 (12.3 oz) containers	Optional: 10 (12.3 oz) containers	Minimum is for Powder
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 states eligible brands.

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CATEGORY	MINIMUM REQUIREMENT			COMMENTS
	Large	Medium	Small	
Infant Fruits and Infant Vegetables	128 (4 oz) containers or jars representing at least 6 kinds	96 (4 oz) containers or jars representing at least 6 kinds	64 (4 oz) containers or jars representing at least 4 kinds	Single or mixed foods. Food List states 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 states eligible brands.

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