

# WASHINGTON SHOPPING GUIDE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2023



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# PLAN AHEAD BEFORE YOU SHOP

# Check to see what foods are available on your WIC benefits. Here are two ways you can do this:

- Call the number on the back of your WIC Card.
- Use the WICShopper app. Register your WIC Card, and see current benefits under **My Benefits.**

#### Make sure benefits are active on the day you plan to shop:

• Check the printed WIC shopping list from your WIC clinic.



#### OR

• Use the WICShopper app, register your WIC Card, and view My Benefits.



#### Make a shopping list and check to see what items are WIC allowed:

- This WIC Shopping Guide will help show what to "Buy" or "Don't Buy."
- The WICShopper app will let you search for specific food items. For example, if you have cheese listed in My Benefits:
  - » Click on the cheese and search the cheese you want to buy to see if it's an allowed WIC item.
  - » You'll see cheese from the brand that you can buy with your WIC benefits.

#### Find a Store:

- Use the WICShopper app to find a WIC store near you.
- Look for stores that have a "WIC Accepted Here" sign in the window.

#### Be aware of any grocery store bag fees:

 Bags are only covered by the store if you are using your WIC card to purchase items.

#### Otherwise

- You will need to pay your own grocery bag fees, if applicable.
  Or
- Bring your own reusable bags

# SHOPPING TIPS

# **USE YOUR WIC TOOLS WHILE YOU SHOP**

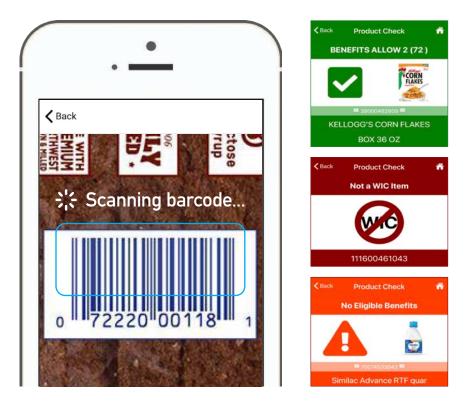
#### The WIC Shopping Guide

- Use this guide until you're familiar with WIC allowed items.
- If you have a smartphone, a digital version of the Shopping Guide is located in the WICShopper app under "WIC Allowable Foods" and on our WIC webpage at doh.wa.gov/WIC/WICFoods.

#### The WICShopper App

Confirm if an item is WIC allowed:

- Scan the barcode with your smart phone or enter in the 12 digit UPC.
- The app will show you if an item is WIC Allowed or Not a WIC Item.
- If the app shows **No Eligible Benefits**, then you either don't have enough benefits or the right benefits to get that item.



**Important!** The app can't recognize most fresh fruits and vegetables even if they have a barcode. Those items will scan as "Not a WIC Item" even though most fresh produce is WIC allowed. Check page 16 in the guide to see what you need to know.

# WHAT TO KNOW WHEN SHOPPING

#### Only buy the WIC foods you want:

- You don't have to buy all of your WIC foods at one time.
- You can shop as often as needed within your first and last day to spend.
- You don't have to get any WIC benefits you don't want.

#### When a store doesn't carry a specific WIC approved food item you want:

- Stores aren't required to carry all WIC approved foods.
- You can ask the store if they're able to order an item.
- Look for the item at a different store.

#### Try to use benefits before your Last Day to Spend:

• That gives WIC staff enough time to help fix any issues.

#### You can receive in-store or food company coupons, such as:

- Buy one, get one free
- Food company coupon's (e.g., Darigold)
- Store loyalty card benefits
  Store specials

You can use these specials for non-WIC foods. For example, if Kellogg's has a deal to buy one cereal and get one free, you can use WIC benefits to buy Rice Krispies and then get another cereal free that may or may not be WIC allowed.

# **UNDERSTANDING FOOD PACKAGE SIZES**

WIC has specific food package sizes because WIC wants to make sure that you get all your food benefits. For example, WIC allows gallons, half gallon and quarts. At first glance, this may seem easy to understand. That is until you realize some milk brands aren't using the WIC approved sizes. A half gallon of milk must have 64 oz in it to be WIC allowed. Yet some brands only contain 54 oz of milk.

The WICShopper app can quickly check if an item is allowed. The table below shows standard package sizes for WIC.

STANDARD FOOD PACKAGE SIZES AND ABBREVIATIONS		
Liquid Food Package	Ounces (oz)	Liter (L) or Milliliter (ml)
1 Quart Half (1/2) Gallon	32 oz 64 oz	946 ml 1.89 L
1 Gallon	128 oz	3.78 L
Solid Food Package Ounces (oz) Grams (g)		Grams (g)
Half (1/2) Pound 1 Pound (lb)	8 oz 16 oz	226 g 453 g
2 Pounds (lbs)	32 oz	907 g

# **SHOPPING TIPS**

# **AT STORE CHECKOUT**

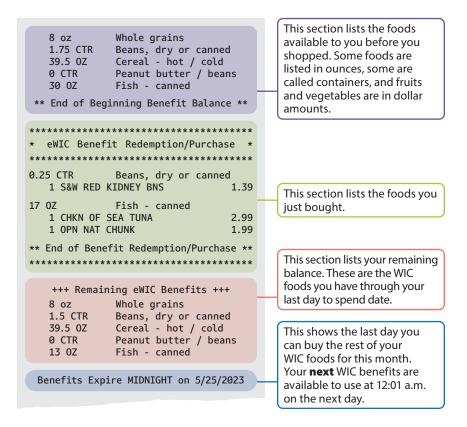
#### Separate WIC foods from other items you're buying:

- This helps in case a food item isn't covered by WIC as expected. You'll be able to find the item quicker.
- Place your more expensive food items up front on the conveyor belt. That way if you only have enough benefits to cover one of the items, WIC will pay for the more expensive item.
- There's a 50 item limit when using your WIC card. If you plan to buy a lot of foods at one time, have the cashier split the items into separate purchases.

#### Swipe your WIC Card and enter your PIN:

- If a food item isn't covered by WIC as expected, you don't have to buy it.
- You can choose to pay for any food item not covered by WIC (using SNAP, cash, debit, credit) or put it back.

# WIC RECEIPTS



#### Keep copies of your receipts.

If you have questions, receipts can help staff figure out what happened.

Take a picture of receipts and save them in your phone or keep receipts in the WIC ID and Card folder.

**Important!** WIC Card balance receipts printed at the store **don't show all** the types of allowed items. For example, if the balance receipt shows "Milk - 1% Nonfat and Soy," it means you can get the following:

 All WIC allowed low fat (1%) and nonfat (0%, skim, fat free) milk or soy beverage options listed in this WIC Shopping Guide. This includes:

#### Cow milk – nonfat/fat free (0%) and low fat (1%)

- Fluid
- Evaporated/canned
  Lactose free
- Kefir
- Dry/powder Acidophilus

#### Buttermilk

#### Goat milk - Low Fat

Fluid

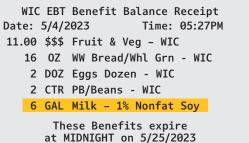
#### Soy beverage

Below is an example of what's seen on a WIC shopping list from the clinic compared to what is seen on the WIC Card balance receipt at the store.

#### WIC Clinic Shopping List:

Benefit Month	Serial Number	Quantity	иом	Description
4/26/2023	998833	\$11.00	\$\$\$\$	Fruit and Vegetables – Cash Value Voucher
thru 5/25/2023	998833	16	Ounce	Whole Wheat Bread or Whole Grains
5/25/2025	998833	2	Dozen	Eggs – all WIC
	998833	2	CTNR	Peanut Butter/Beans All WIC
	998833	6	Gallon	Milk or Soy(1% & Nonfat) All WIC – Cow,Goat,Soy

#### **Store Receipt:**



\*\*\* End of benefit balance receipt \*\*\*

# WHEN ITEMS AREN'T COVERED BY WIC AS EXPECTED

If you have questions on why a food item wasn't covered by WIC benefits:

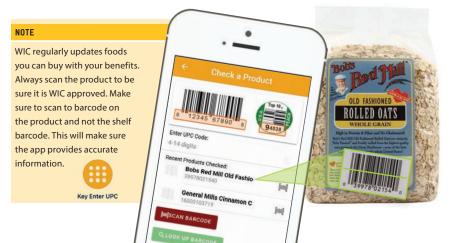
- Take a photo of the item or keep copies of all receipts if purchased.
- Review "Buy" and "Don't Buy" in the Shopping Guide to see why it may not be WIC allowed.
- If fresh fruits and veggies aren't covered, let WIC know. Stores must assign a WIC code to each item even if it has a barcode on it. Without the WIC code your card won't recognize the item at checkout.
- Check with your WIC clinic or submit a request to the state WIC office by:
  - » Using "I couldn't buy this" in the WICShopper app.
  - » Email us at <u>wawicfoods@doh.wa.gov</u>. We'll need to know the following:
    - » Store name and location.
    - » The date you tried to buy the item.
    - » WIC card number.
    - » Item description—Receipts, or clear photos, or as much detail as possible. If details are provided instead of receipts or photos, we are looking for the following:

▶ food type (milk, cereal, etc.)

- brand name/type
- package size
- 12-digit UPC (barcode number)

For Example: Oatmeal, Bob's Old Fashioned Rolled Oats, 32 oz size, UPC 039978021540

Depending on the store, you also may be able to find the item online and send us a link.



# **BABY FOOD**

# **BABY CEREAL**

BUY

#### Must Be

8 oz or 16 oz Drv

#### **These brands:**

**Beech-Nut** Earth's Best Gerber



#### These types:

Barley

Multigrain

Oatmeal

Whole grain

Organic

Non-organic

Natural



#### DON'T BUY

With added: Flavors, fruit, or formula Prebiotics, probiotics, or DHA Cans, jars, or pouches Rice cereal

Single-serve or individual packets

# **BABY FOOD – FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

#### BUY

#### Must Be

Stage 1 or 2 Plain fruit and vegetable only Sizes:

4 oz glass jars/plastic containers 2 oz plastic containers in double packs (4 oz total) 4 oz plastic containers in double packs (8 oz total) multi-pack boxes

#### These brands:

Beech-Nut Earth's Best Organic Gerber Happy Baby Organic **O** Organics **Tippy Toes** Wild Harvest Organic

#### You Can Choose

Any combination of fruits and vegetables, organic, non-organic

#### DON'T BUY

With added:

Cereal/grains - granola, oats,

rice, or noodles

Spices e.g. cinnamon

Meats

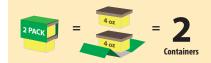
Flavors or sugars

Pouches

Stage 3

#### SHOPPING TIP

When buying baby food fruits and vegetables, a 2-pack is counted as 2 containers.



# **BABY FOOD**

BABY FOOD – MEATS	ò	FULLY BREASTFEEDING BABIES ONLY

BUY	DON'T BUY
Must Be	With added:
Single meat only	Flavors, sugars, or spices
Stage 1 or 2	Cereals, grains, or noodles
2.5 oz glass jars	Fruits or vegetables
These brands:	Meat sticks
Beech-Nut	Dinners
Gerber	Stage 3
O Organics	
Tippy Toes	
Wild Harvest	
You Can Choose	
Organic	
Non-organic	
With broth or gravy	

#### FORMULA

Buy only the brand, type, container size, and amount of formula listed in your WIC Benefits. For information about WIC Approved Formulas, visit www.doh.wa.gov/WICFoods/InfantFormula, or call 1-800-841-1410.

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Look for this symbol throughout

the guide. The symbol shows which WIC foods are increased for those mostly breastfeeding. If fully breastfeeding, you will also get fish and your infant will get baby food meats.

Breastfeeding provides moms and babies with lifelong health benefits.



# BEANS – CANNED 💰

#### BUY

#### **Must Be**

15 oz to 16 oz cans Plain beans or low fat plain refried beans

#### You Can Choose

Any brand Low or reduced sodium Individual cans or a 4-pack Non organic or organic



#### DON'T BUY

With added:

Flavors or meats

Honey, syrups, molasses, sugar, or other sweeteners

Baked beans

Bean salad

Bean sprouts

Chili beans

Green or wax beans

Mixed beans

Bean soups

Peas

Pouches

#### SHOPPING FOR BEANS OR PEANUT BUTTER

You can choose canned beans, dried beans, or peanut butter with your WIC benefits.

Choose the right size! 1 CTR of peanut butter/dry or canned beans =



**Buying Canned Beans** If you choose to buy canned beans, 1 container (CTR) on shopping list = 4 cans of beans. You must buy all four cans of beans to make sure you get all of your WIC benefits.

One can of beans= .25 CTRTwo cans of beans= .50 CTRThree cans of beans= .75 CTRFour cans of beans= 1.0 CTR

# BEANS/PEAS/LENTILS – DRIED

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#### BUY

#### Must Be

16 oz bag

#### **You Can Choose**

Any brand Any variety Non organic or organic



#### DON'T BUY

- With added flavors or spices Boxes
- Barley
- Bean and rice mix
- Bulk (sold by weight)
- Chia seeds
- Coffee beans
- Dried refried beans
- Farro
- Frozen
- Green beans
- Heirloom
- Quinoa
- Sprouted or germinated
- Soup or soup mix

#### SHOPPING FOR BEANS OR PEANUT BUTTER

If you choose dry beans, 1 container (CTR) = a 16 oz bag of dried beans. See page 9 for more information.

# BREAKFAST CEREAL - COLD

#### BUY

#### Must Be

9, 11, 11.8, 12, 12.7, 14, 14.3, 14.5, 15, 15.2, 15.5, 16, 18, 20, 20.5, 21, 21.5, 21.7, 22, 24, or 36 oz

#### Only these brands and types:

W = whole grain cereals

#### **Essential Everyday**

- Corn Flakes Crispy Rice Crunchy Corn Squares Crunchy Oat Square Crunchy Rice Squares Crunchy Wheat Squares (W) Oats More w/ Honey
- Tasteeos (W)

#### Food Club

Corn Flakes Corn Squares Crisp Rice Frosted Shredded Wheat, Bite Size, or Strawberry (all **W**) Honey & Oats with Almonds Honey & Oats with Oat Clusters Rice Squares Toasted Oats (**W**) Twin Grain Crisps Wheat Squares (**W**)

#### **General Mills**

Cheerios: Plain (**W**), Multigrain (**W**) Chex (all **W**): Blueberry, Cinnamon, Corn, Rice, or Wheat Kix: Berry Berry, Honey (**W**), or (Plain) (**W**) Whole Grain Total (**W**)

#### **Great Value**

Corn Squares Rice Squares

#### Kelloggs

All-Bran Complete Wheat Bran Flakes (W) Corn Flakes Crispix Frosted Little Bites or Mini Wheats

Original (W) Frosted Mini Wheats BS Blueberry, or Strawberry

#### Rice Krispies (Plain) Special K Protein Original (W) or Honey Almond Ancient Grain (W)

#### Kroger

Bran Flakes (W) Corn Flakes Crispy Rice Honey Crisp Medley w/ Almonds Oat Squares (W) Rice Bitz Toasted Oats (W)

Malt-O-Meal Frosted Mini Spooners (W)

Market Pantry Toasted Rice

#### Post

Grape Nuts Flakes (W) or Original (W) Great Grains Banana Nut Crunch (W) Honey Bunches of Oats Almonds (W) or Honey Roasted (W)

#### Quaker

Oatmeal Squares Brown Sugar, Cinnamon, Golden Maple, or Honey Nut (all **W**)

#### Signature Select Corn Flakes Corn Pockets Crispy Rice

Oats More w/ Almonds or Honey Rice Pockets Toasted Oats (W)

#### DON'T BUY

**Bags or Cylinders** 

#### **SHOPPING TIP**

See "Tips for Buying WIC Breakfast Cereal" to help find cereal and package sizes that work best for your family. See page 12 for some examples.

# **BREAKFAST CEREAL - HOT**

#### BUY

#### Must Be

9, 11, 11.8, 12, 12.7, 14, 14.3, 14.5, 15, 15.2, 15.5, 16, 18, 20, 20.5, 21, 21.5, 21.7, 22, 24, or 36 oz

#### Only these brands and types:

**W** = whole grain cereals

#### Oatmeal

Essential Everyday Oatmeal Instant Original 12 packets (W)

Food Club Oatmeal Instant Original 12 packets (W)

Great Value Instant Oatmeal Regular 12 packets (W)

IGA Oatmeal Instant Original 12 packets (W)

Kroger Oatmeal Instant Original 12 packets (W)

Signature Select Oatmeal Instant Original 12 packets (**W**)

#### Rice

Cream of Rice

Cream of Rice Instant

#### Wheat

Cream of Wheat (Instant or 21/2 minute)

Cream of Wheat Whole Grain (Instant or  $2\frac{1}{2}$  minute) (**W**)

Malt O Meal Original

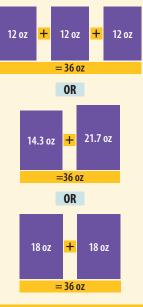


#### DON'T BUY

Bags Cylinders

#### **SHOPPING TIP**

See handout in WICShopper app or online titled, "Tips for Buying WIC Breakfast Cereal". It can help you find cereal and package sizes that work best for your family.



Other 36 oz combinations:		
9+9+9+9	14.5 + 21.5	
11 + 11 + 14	15 + 21	
11+ 9 + 16	15.5 + 20.5	
11.8 + 9 + 15.2	16 + 20	
12.7 + 9+ 14.3	24 +12	

36

14 + 22



#### BUY

#### Must Be

Made from pasteurized cow milk Made in USA Sizes:

8 oz

16 oz (1 lb)

32 oz (2 lbs)

These types: Cheddar (mild, medium, sharp, extra sharp, yellow, or white ) Colby Colby Jack Colby Monterey Jack Monterey Jack Mozzarella Munster Provolone Swiss

#### You Can Choose

Any brand

These types: Block or bar of cheese Shredded and grated cheese String or cheese sticks Kosher or non-Kosher

#### DON'T BUY

With added flavors, herbs, nuts, seeds, spices, or vegetables Single serving sticks or packets Cheese made from raw milk Cotija Cracker cut Cream cheese Deli cheese Cubed or sliced Fresh mozzarella Goat or sheep cheese Imported Lactose free Organic Parmesan Pepper Jack Processed pasteurized American Oueso fresco Ricotta Unpasteurized Vintage cheese



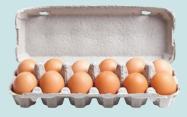


#### BUY

#### **Must Be**

12-count carton (1 dozen) Shelled eggs from a chicken





#### You Can Choose

Any brand Any size: small, medium, large, extra-large, or jumbo White or brown eggs Cage free Organic or Non-Organic Omega 3

#### DON'T BUY

- Bulk
- DHA
- Dried or powdered
- Duck eggs
- Egg substitute products
- Fertile
- Free-range or pasture-raised
- Hard-boiled eggs
- Liquid eggs
- Low or reduced cholesterol
- Pasteurized
- Reduced saturated fat

# FISH – CANNED AND POUCHES 💰

#### BUY

#### Must Be

#### Canned:

Tuna in water 5 oz, 6 oz Pink salmon 5 oz, 6 oz, 7.5 oz, and 14.75 oz\* Sardines in water 3.75 oz or 4.25 oz

#### Pouches:

All allowed types of fish above in 2.5 oz or 5 oz sizes

#### You Can Choose

Forms of Tuna: Solid, Chunk, Color of Tuna: White, light Any brand With added flavors Albacore tuna Boneless Can, foil bags, or pouches Low sodium No added salt Skinless SkipJack Wild caught Yellowfin



\***Note:** If you choose the 14.75 oz salmon you will have 1 oz of benefits that you won't be able to use.

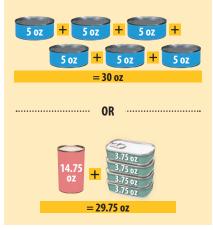
#### DON'T BUY

#### **SHOPPING TIPS**

Visit the DOH *Healthy Fish Guide* at **doh.wa.gov/community-andenvironment/food/fish/healthyfish-guide** to help make healthy choices when shopping for fish.

You can choose a combination of chunk light tuna, pink salmon, or sardines up to the amount of ounces (oz) listed in your WIC Benefits.

#### Examples:



# FRUITS / VEGETABLES – FRESH

#### BUY

#### You Can Choose

Any brand or type Cut or whole Fresh fruits and vegetables in bags, clam shells, cups, plastic bowls, or tubs Fresh fruits and vegetables in foam trays wrapped in plastic Non organic or organic

#### SHOPPING TIP

You can buy a combination of canned, fresh, **and** frozen fruits and vegetables. Remember, if you choose more foods than are listed in your WIC Benefits, you can pay the extra or choose not to buy it.

#### DON'T BUY

With added:

- Dips, dressings, fats, oils, or sauces
- Flavors, foods, herbs, nuts, or spices
- Dried fruits or vegetables
- Edible blossoms of flowers
- Fruit baskets
- Party trays or platters with or without dips
- Salad bar items

#### Sugar cane

Herbs, or spices such as: Aloe vera, anise, banana leaves, basil, bay leaves, caraway, chervil, chives, cilantro, corn husk, dill, fenugreek, lemongrass, lime leaves, marjoram, mint, oregano, parsley, rosemary, sage, savory, tarragon, thyme, vanilla beans, or wheatgrass

Ornamental or decorative items such as:

Dried chili peppers, garlic on a string, gourds, carved or painted pumpkins



# FRUITS / VEGETABLES - FROZEN

#### BUY

#### You Can Choose

Any size bag, box, or steamer pouch

#### Any brand

Non organic or organic

Frozen beans are OK (such as: black-eyed peas, edamame, garbanzo, and lima beans)

#### DON'T BUY

With added:

- Fats, oils, salts, seasonings, spices, sugars or sauces
- Meats, noodles, nuts, pasta, rice, or grains

Battered or breaded

Creamed

Deli items

Dried fruits, vegetables, or fruit leather

French fries

Hash browns

Mashed potatoes, Potatoes O'Brien, Tater Tots®

#### SHOPPING TIP

You can buy a combination of canned, fresh, **and** frozen fruits and vegetables. Remember, if you choose more foods than are listed in your WIC Benefits, you can pay the extra or choose not to buy it.



# **FRUITS- CANNED**

#### BUY

#### You Can Choose

Any brand or type Any size can, glass or plastic container

Applesauce: may contain cinnamon First ingredient listed is a fruit

Non organic or organic

#### DON'T BUY

With added:

Sugars, fats, oils or salt Canned fruit in heavy or "light"/"lite" syrup, lightly sweetened juice or sweetened nectar

Fruit roll-ups

Fruit-nut mixtures

Home canned and home preserved jams, jellies, fruit syrups or fruit spreads Pie filling

Pouches

#### SHOPPING TIP

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# **VEGETABLES - CANNED**

#### BUY

#### You Can Choose

Any brand or type Any size can, glass or plastic container

Canned tomatoes: crushed, diced, sliced, purees, sauced, stewed, or paste

Canned mixed vegetables containing beans

First ingredient listed is a vegetable

Sweet Potatoes

May contain spices

Non organic or organic

#### DON'T BUY

With added: Sugars, fats, or oils Creamed or with sauce Home canned and home preserved Ketchup Olives Pickled vegetables Vegetables with added: meats, noodles, rice, nuts, pasta, or gains

#### **SHOPPING TIP**

You can buy a combination of canned, fresh, **and** frozen fruits and vegetables. Remember, if you choose more foods than are listed in your WIC Benefits, you can pay the extra or choose not to buy it.



# JUICE ADULT PARTICIPANTS ONLY **IDMATO/VEGETABLE (46 OZ)**

#### BUY

#### **Must Be**

46 oz cans or plastic bottles Non-refrigerated only Only these brands and types

#### Tomato

Campbell's Food Club Haggen Kroger That's Smart!

#### Vegetable

Campbell's V8 Essential Antioxidants Campbell's V8 Hint of Black Pepper Campbell's V8 Hint of Lime Campbell's V8 Low Sodium Campbell's V8 Original Campbell's V8 Spicy Hot Campbell's V8 Spicy Hot Campbell's V8 Spicy Hot Low Sodium Food Club Haggen Kroger



#### DON'T BUY

- Cartons or glass bottles Cider Cocktail Juice drink Organic Punch Refrigerated
- Unfiltered

# ADULT PARTICIPANTS ONLY JUICE FROZEN (11.5 OR 12 OZ) 💰

#### BUY

#### Must Be

11.5 or 12 oz frozen Only these brands and types

#### Apple

Essential Everyday Food Club Freedom's Choice Great Value IGA Kroger Langers Old Orchard Signature Select Tree Top WinCo

#### **Grape or White Grape**

Essential Everyday Food Club Great Value Old Orchard Welch's

#### Grapefruit

Any brand 100% grapefruit

#### Orange

Any brand 100% orange

#### **Mixed Fruit**

Dole

Orange Peach Mango Pineapple Orange Pineapple Orange Banana

#### **Old Orchard**

Apple Cherry Apple Cranberry Apple Kiwi Strawberry Apple Passion Mango Apple Raspberry Apple Strawberry Banana

- BUY Berry Blend
- Blueberry Pomegranate Cherry Pomegranate Cranberry Blend Cranberry Pomegranate Cranberry Raspberry Pineapple Orange Pineapple Orange Banana **Welch's** White Grape Peach
  - White Grape Raspberry

#### Pineapple

Dole Old Orchard



#### DON'T BUY

- Cider Cocktail
- Juice drink
- Lemon
- Lemonade
- Lime
- Limeade
- Organic
- Punch not 100% Juice
- Refrigerated
- Unfiltered

# JUICE CHILDREN ONLY FRUIT – MIXED OR BLENDS (64 OZ)

#### BUY

#### **Must Be**

64 oz plastic bottles Non-refrigerated only Only these brands and types

#### **Essential Everyday**

Berry Cherry Cranberry Cranberry Raspberry Grape Blend 100% Juice Punch

Food Club Cranberry Raspberry

**Great Value** Cranberry Blend Cranberry Grape Cranberry Pomegranate White Grape and Peach

Haggen

Cranberry Cranberry Raspberry

**Juicy Juice** 

Apple Raspberry Berry Cherry Cranberry Apple Fruit Punch Kiwi Strawberry Mango Orange Tangerine Passion Dragonfruit Peach Apple Strawberry Banana Strawberry Watermelon Tropical

#### Kroger

Cranberry White Grape Peach BUY

BUT
Langers
Apple Berry Cherry
Apple Cranberry
Apple Grape
Apple Kiwi Strawberry
Apple Orange Pineapple
Apple Peach Mango
Cranberry Grape Plus
Cranberry Plus
Cranberry Raspberry Plus
Ocean Spray
Cranberry Blackberry
Cranberry Cherry
Cranberry Concord Grape
Cranberry Mango
Cranberry Pineapple
Cranberry Pomegranate
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Mango Tangerine
Orange Tangerine
Peach Mango
Red Raspberry
Strawberry Watermelon

Wild Cherry

# CHILDREN ONLY JUICE FRUIT – MIXED OR BLENDS (64 OZ)

#### BUY

#### Signature Select

Cranberry Cranberry Grape Cranberry Raspberry

#### Tree Top

Apple Berry Apple Cranberry Apple Grape Orange Passionfruit Pineapple Orange

#### Welch's

White Grape Cherry White Grape Peach Orange Pineapple Apple

#### DON'T BUY

Cartons or glass bottles
Cider
Cocktail
Frozen
Juice Drink
Lemon
Lemonade
Lime
Limeade
Organic
Punch not 100% Juice
Refrigerated
Unfiltered



# JUICE CHILDREN ONLY SINGLE FRUIT (64 OZ)

#### BUY

64 oz plastic bottles Non-refrigerated only Only these brands and types

#### Apple

Must Be

Best Yet **Essential Everyday** Food Club Freedom's Choice Great Value Haggen IGA Juicy Juice Kroger Langers Market Pantry Mott's Ocean Spray Old Orchard Signature Select Tree Top WinCo

#### Grape, Red Grape, or White Grape

Essential Everyday Food Club Freedom's Choice Great Value Haggen IGA Juicy Juice Kroger Langers Market Pantry Ocean Spray Old Orchard Signature Select That's Smart! Welch's Winco

#### BUY

- Pineapple Essential Everyday Food Club Great Value Kroger Langers Libby's Old Orchard Signature Select Orange Juice Must Be
  - 100% orange juice Shelf stable/Not refrigerated Any brand

#### Some examples:

Essential Everyday Food Club Golden Crown Juicy Juice Langers Old Orchard Signature Select Tropicana



#### DON'T BUY

See page 21.

# CHILDREN ONLY JUICE VEGETABLE JUICE (640Z)

#### BUY

#### Must Be

64 oz plastic bottles Non-refrigerated only Only these brands and types

#### Campbell's

Tomato Juice Low Sodium Tomato Juice

#### Campbell's V8

Original 100% Vegetable Juice Low Sodium 100% Vegetable Juice Spicy Hot 100% Vegetable Juice

#### Food Club

Tomato Juice Vegetable Juice Spicy Vegetable Juice

#### Signature Select

Low Sodium 100% Vegetable Juice Vegetable Juice Tomato Juice

#### WinCo

Low Sodium 100% Vegetable Juice 100% Vegetable Juice















# LIQUID

BUY

#### Must Be

Only the milk fat type (nonfat: 0%, low fat: 1%, reduced fat: 2%, whole) listed on your WIC benefits Gallon, half-gallon, or quart size containers Plastic or paper containers Cow milk Homogenized Pasteurized Refrigerated

Unflavored



#### BUY

You Can Choose Any combination of gallons, half-gallons, and quarts up to the total amount of milk listed in your WIC benefits Acidophilus Any brand Buttermilk Calcium-fortified Kefir Kosher Lactobacillus Lactose free Probiotics Skim milk with added thickeners

Skim milk with added thickeners (Creamy Fat Free, Skim Supreme)

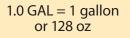
#### SHOPPING TIP

Some milks aren't allowed since they come in the wrong container type or size. For example, fairlife<sup>®</sup> and a2 Milk<sup>®</sup> are not the right size (59oz). Also, milk in glass containers aren't allowed (see page 26).

#### For one gallon, you can combine two half-gallons or four quarts.







0.5 GAL = 1 half gallon or 64 oz





## **EVAPORATED**

# BUYBUYMust BeYou Can ChooseOnly the milk fat type (nonfat:<br/>0%, low fat: 1%, reduced fat: 2%,<br/>whole) listed on your WIC benefitsAny brand<br/>Calcium-fortified<br/>Kosher12 oz canCow milkHomogenized<br/>PasteurizedPasteurizedUnflavoredImage: State of the state of the

#### SHOPPING TIPS

Most products won't say "Whole Milk" on the label when it is a whole milk product. Buy 5 cans for each gallon of milk to receive your full WIC benefits.



# 💰 MILK – COW MILK

## DRY

#### BUY

#### Must Be

Only the milk fat type (nonfat: 0%, low fat: 1%, reduced fat: 2%, whole) listed on your WIC benefits

Mixes to 1 quart of milk or more Cow milk

- Homogenized
- Pasteurized
- Unflavored

#### You Can Choose

Boxes, cylinders, plastic bags, or pouches Any brand

Calcium-fortified Kosher



#### **SHOPPING TIP**

The amount listed on your WIC benefits equals the amount of dry milk after mixing with water. See table below for help converting dry milk to quarts.

#### Dry Cow Milk Reconstitution

Milk Fat	Size Printed on Container	Water Added Makes
Nonfat	9.6 oz	3 Quarts
Nonfat	9.64 oz	3 Quarts
Nonfat	25.6 oz	8 Quarts
Nonfat	32 oz	10 Quarts
Nonfat	64 oz	20 Quarts
Whole	12.6 oz	3 Quarts
Whole	28.1 oz	7 Quarts
Whole	56.3 oz	13 Quarts

#### DON'T BUY FOR ALL TYPES OF COW MILK

Added flavors, foods, or spices Almond, coconut, hemp, rice, or other grain or nut beverages Bulk powdered milk Chocolate milk Filled milk Glass bottles Half and half Low-carb dairy beverage Non homogenized Omega 3 Organic Other animal milk, such as goat or sheep Pints, half-pints, or smaller size Raw milk Single-serve or individual packets Sweetened condensed milk UHT containers Unpasteurized milk Whipping cream

#### SHOPPING TIP

See page 27 for goat milk information and 30 for soy beverage information.

# MILK – GOAT MILK 💰

#### BUY

#### Must Be

Meyenberg brand only

#### Only the milk fat type listed in your WIC benefits (low fat or whole)

- Homogenized
- Pasteurized
- Refrigerated
- Unflavored





whole milk benefits

low fat/nonfat milk benefits

# Only **Dry** goat milk when whole fat milk is listed in your WIC benefits





whole milk benefits

whole milk benefits

#### **Dry Goat Milk Reconstitution**

Container Size	Water added makes
1 can	3 quarts of milk
2 cans	6 quarts of milk
3 cans	9 quarts of milk
4 cans	12 quarts of milk
12 oz pouch	3 quarts of milk
A box of 12 4-oz pouches	4 quarts of milk

#### BUY

Only **Evaporated** goat milk when whole fat milk is listed in your WIC benefits



whole milk benefits

5 cans evaporated milk = 1 gallon

#### DON'T BUY

Other goat milk brands

#### **SHOPPING TIPS**

Most participants have low fat/ nonfat milk benefits. In this case, you can only get fluid goat milk and it isn't always available at stores.

2 quarts = 1 half gallon	
2 half gallons = 1 gallon	
4 quarts = 1 gallon	

# MILK - YOGURT

#### BUY

#### Must Be

Only the milk fat type (nonfat: 0%, low fat: 1%, whole) listed on your WIC benefits

1 quart (32 ounces)

Plastic container

Cow milk

Homogenized

Pasteurized

Less than 40 grams of sugar per 8 oz

#### These brands only

Activia Best Yet Brown Cow Chobani Dannon Darigold Essential Everyday Food Club Fred Mever Great Value Green Valley creamery Kroger lala Lucerne Market Pantry Mountain High Nancy's Oikos **Open Nature** Tillamook WinCo Yami Yoplait 7oi

#### BUY

#### You Can Choose

Plain or fruit flavored (only if less than 40 grams of sugar per 8 oz serving and no artificial sweeteners) (See Don't Buy.) Stevia is ok

Greek (not organic)



#### DON'T BUY

Artificial sweeteners: aspartame, saccharin, or sucralose (Splenda™) 2% cow milk yogurt With added: Flavors, grains, granola, or nuts Candy, honey, spices, or added protein Custards or whips Drinkable or squeezable Frozen yogurt Light Organic Raw milk Single-serve or multi-packs Yogurt kits

# PEANUT BUTTER 💰

#### BUY

#### **Must Be**

16 oz jar

#### You Can Choose Any brand

Creamy or smooth Chunky or extra chunky Crunchy or extra crunchy Low sodium Natural peanut butter No stir or stir Regular or organic Salted or unsalted



#### DON'T BUY Bulk (sold by weight) Freshly ground or grind-it-yourself Low carb peanut butter spread Low glycemic

Other nuts or seed butters (e.g. almond, cashew, sesame)

Omega 3 Powdered

Roasted honey nut

Single-serve

single-serve

#### Spreads

"Squeeze It" tubes

Valencia With added:

Flavors, foods, or spices

Flax or safflower oil

Chocolate

Honey

Jelly

Marshmallows

#### SHOPPING FOR BEANS OR PEANUT BUTTER

You can choose canned beans, dried beans, or peanut butter with your WIC benefits.

Choose the right size! 1 CTR of peanut butter/dry or canned beans =



**Buying Peanut Butter** If you choose peanut butter, 1 container listed on the WIC benefits = 16 oz jar peanut butter.



#### BUY

#### Must Be These Brands and Types:

Must Be These Brands and Types:					
Brand	Sizes	Туре	Refrigerated or No	ot	
8th Continent	half gallon or gallon	Original or Vanilla	Refrigerated		
Pacific Ultra	32 oz (quart)	Original	Non-refrigerated only	Contraction of the second seco	
Silk	32 oz (quart), half gallon, or twin pack (2 half-gallon)	Original	Refrigerated OR Non-refrigerated only		
West Soy Organic <b>Plus</b>	32 oz (quart)	Plain or Vanilla	Non-refrigerated only		
DON'T BUY					
Other non-dairy beverages like almond, coconut, hemp, or rice milk Blends or creamers 8th Continent Complete 8th Continent Light Pacific organic Unsweetened Pacific Select Silk Vanilla/Very Vanilla/Chocolate		Silk DHA Omega-3 Silk Light Original/Vanilla/Chocolate Silk Organic Original/Vanilla WestSoy			
		SHOPPING TIP 2 qts = 1 half gall 4 qts = 1 gallon 2 half gallons = 1			



#### BUY

#### **Must Be**

8 oz or 16 oz containers only Calcium-set Refrigerated

#### These brands and types:

Azumaya (Extra Firm, Firm, Silken) Franklin Farms (Extra Firm, Firm, Medium Firm, Soft) House Foods (Extra Firm, Medium, Firm, Organic Super Firm Cubed) Nasoya Organic (Silken, Sprouted Super Firm) Nasoya Organic Sprouted Super Firm O Organic (Silken, Sprouted Extra Firm) Simple Truth Organic (Silken Soft)

#### You Can Choose

Whole, cubed, or sliced Non organic or organic



#### DON'T BUY

#### With added flavors, foods, or spices

Baked

Dessert tofu

Fried

Non refrigerated

# WHOLE GRAIN CHOICES

#### You Can Choose

- Brown Rice
- Oatmeal
- Soft Tortillas
- Whole Wheat Pasta
- Whole Wheat Bread
- Whole Wheat Hamburger and Hot Dog Buns

Below, you will see allowed food package sizes for each benefit package. Pages 33 to 35 will explain what's allowed for each whole grain option.

To make sure you use all of your whole grain benefits, see the whole grain options below.

# **16 OZ MONTHLY BENEFIT**

#### CHOOSE ONLY ONE

#### 14 oz

Brown Rice, instant

#### 16 oz

Brown Rice Oatmeal Soft Tortillas Whole Wheat Pasta Whole Wheat Bread Whole Wheat Hamburger Buns Whole Wheat Hot Dog Buns



# 32 OZ OR MORE Monthly Benefit

**CHOOSE** 

#### 32 oz

Brown Rice, instant Brown Rice

Oatmeal

#### CHOOSE A COMBINATION OF

OR

#### 14 oz

Brown Rice, instant

#### 16 oz

Brown Rice Oatmeal Soft Tortillas Whole Wheat Pasta Whole Wheat Bread Whole Wheat Hamburger Buns Whole Wheat Hot Dog Buns

#### 18 oz\*

Oatmeal

\* 18 oz oatmeal can **only** be combined with 14 oz instant brown rice to equal 32 oz:



# WHOLE GRAIN CHOICES 💰

# **BROWN RICE**

BUY

#### Must Be

16 oz of brown rice

Or

14 oz instant brown rice only **Or** 

If benefits issued is more than 16 oz, you can also choose a 32 oz size

#### You Can Choose

Any brand Bags or boxes

Gluten free



Instant or regular

Non-organic or organic

Types: Extra-long, long, medium, or short grain

#### DON'T BUY

With added flavors, foods, or spices
Basmati
Black
Bulk (sold by weight)
Boil-in-Bag
Chia seeds
Farro
Grits
Individual serving size packets
Jasmine
Mahogany
Mixed rice
Quinoa
Red
Sprouted or germinated
White
Wild

# OATMEAL

BUY

#### Must Be

16 oz size only

#### Or

If benefits issued is more than 16 oz, you can also choose an 18 oz or 32 oz size.

#### You Can Choose

Any brand Bags, boxes, or cardboard cylinders Gluten free Instant or quick Non-organic or organic Old-fashioned, regular, or steel cut



#### DON'T BUY

With added flavors, foods, or spices Boxes with individual packets Bulk (sold by weight) Granola Grits Individual serving size packets Metal cylinders Quinoa

#### SHOPPING TIP

Ounces (oz) on the package will be subtracted from your benefit total. To make sure you get all of your whole grain options, please see the whole grain table on page 32.

**Note:** If you have 16 oz monthly benefits and choose the 14 oz instant brown rice, you will have 2 oz of benefits that you will be unable to use.

# **WHOLE GRAIN CHOICES**

# SOFT TORTILLAS

BUY	DON'T BUY	
Must Be	With added flavors, foods, or spices	
16 oz only	96% whole wheat	
Only these brands:	Chips, taco salad bowls, taco shells, tostada, or any other hard tortillas	
Celia's	Low carb or carb balance	
Essential Everyday	Mixed-grain tortillas, such as corn and wheat together	
Don Pancho		
Great Value	Red corn	
Guerrero	Reduced fat, or fat-free tortillas	
Kroger	Sprouted or germinated	
La Banderita	Store-made	
La Burrita	Tortillas with "light" or "lite" on	
Market Pantry	the label	
MiCasa	Wraps	
Mission		
Ortega		
Signature Select		
You Can Choose		
Corn or corn masa soft tortillas		
Whole wheat soft tortillas		



Low sodium

Non organic or organic

#### **SHOPPING TIP**

Ounces (oz) on the package will be subtracted from your benefit total. To make sure you get all of your whole grain options, please see the whole grain table on page 32.

# WHOLE WHEAT PASTA

BUY	В	UY
Must Be	Here are some e	xamples of types:
16 oz only	Angel hair	Penne
Only these brands:	Bows	Rigate
Barilla	Egg noodles	Rotini
Bella Terra	Elbow	Shell
DeLallo Organic	Fettuccine	Spaghetti
Delverde Organic	Fusilli	Spirals
Essential Everyday	Lasagna	Vermicelli
Food Club	Linguine	Ziti
Full Circle Organic	Macaroni	
Garofalo		
Gia Russa	DON'	T BUY
Good and Gather	With added flave	ors foods or
Great Value	seasonings	513, 10003, 01
Hodgson Mill	51% whole grain	or whole wheat
Kroger	Buckwheat	
Natural Directions Organic	Bulk (sold by weight)	
O Organics	Fresh	
Racconto	Gluten free	
Ronzoni Healthy Harvest	Mixed grain	
Signature Select	Multi-colored	
Simple Truth Organic	No boil, no drain	
Simply Balanced Organic	Refrigerated	
WinCo	Rice pasta	
You Can Choose	Semolina	
Bags or boxes	Sprouted or gerr	ninated
Any type	Vegetable	
Non organic or organic		
Whole wheat or		
whole durum wheat		
100%	SHOPPING TIP	
Whole Wheat ROTINI	Ounces (oz) on the	

Ounces (oz) on the package will be subtracted from your benefit total. To make sure you get all of your whole grain options, please see the whole grain table on page 32.

# WHOLE WHEAT BREAD

#### BUY

#### Must Be

16 oz size only

100% whole wheat on the label

#### Or

Whole grain, if the first ingredient on the ingredient list is "whole" grain.

#### You Can Choose

Any brand Loaf and sliced Low sodium Non organic or organic Sugar free

#### Here are some examples:

Best Yet Bimbo Franz Fred Meyer Kroger Oroweat Sara Lee Sterns



# SHOPPING TIP

Ounces (oz) on the package will be subtracted from your benefit total. To make sure you get all of your whole grain options, please see the whole grain table on page 32.

#### DON'T BUY

With added flavors, foods, or spices Artisan or gourmet (bread baked in small batches) Breads not wrapped in plastic Breads with "light" or "lite" on the label **Bagels** Cracked wheat **Enalish muffins** Extra fiber French Frozen or refrigerated dough Gluten free Multigrain Sourdough Sprouted or germinated Store-made Uncooked bread mixes Unsliced

# SHOPPING TIP

Here is a sample of what the ingredient list will look like for whole grain bread. The first ingredient is a "whole" grain.

INGREDIENTS: WHOLE WHEAT FLOUR, WATER, YEAST, BROME SUGAR, VITAL



INGREDIENTS: WHOLE WHEAT FLOUR, WATER, VEAST, BROWN SUGAR, VITAL WHEAT GLUTEN, CONTAND 32% OR LESS OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING: SAIT, DOUGH LACTYLATE, CALCIUM STEAROYL LACTYLATE, CALCIUM STEAROYL LACTYLATE, MOND- AND DIGLYCERIDES, CALCIUM PEROMOBIC, CALCIUM IDDATE, DATEM, ENZYMES, ASCORBIC ACID, SOYBEAN OIL, VINEGAR, CULTURED WHEAT FLOUR, MONOCALCIUM PHOSPHATE, CITRE ACID, SODIUM CITRATE, SOY LECITHIN, NATAMYCIN (TO RETARD SPOLAGE).

# WHOLE GRAIN CHOICES 💰

# WHOLE WHEAT HAMBURGER AND HOT DOG BUNS

BUY	DON'T BUY		
Must Be	With added flavors or spices		
16 oz size only	Artisan or gourmet buns (baked		
100% whole wheat on the label	in small batches)		
Or	Buns not wrapped in plastic		
Whole grain, if the first ingredient on the ingredient list is "whole"	Buns with "light" or "lite" on the label		
grain.	Bagels		
You Can Choose	English muffins		
Any brand	Extra fiber		
Non organic or organic	Dinner, French, or hoagie buns		
Topped with seeds	or rolls		
Here are some examples:	Frozen or refrigerated dough		
Franz	Gluten free		
Great Value	Multigrain		
Open Nature	Sourdough		
Oroweat	Sprouted or germinated		
Signature Select	Store-made		
Simple Truth Orgnaic			
WinCo			



#### **SHOPPING TIPS**

See page 37 for a sample of what the ingredient list will look like for whole grain buns.

Ounces (oz) on the package will be subtracted from your benefit total. To make sure you get all of your whole grain options, please see the whole grain table on page 32.



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