

VIRGINIA

WIC Food List 2018



Nutrition for a Healthy Future

The foods that you get from WIC provide nutrients that are important for good health and development. WIC foods are meant to add to what you already buy and are rich in calcium, protein, iron, fiber, and vitamins A, D, and C. Choose the foods that your family likes based on what is listed on your WIC Shopping List and what is available where you shop. WIC nutritionists will offer tips about feeding your children and ideas to improve your whole family's health and nutrition.



Successful Shopping Tips

BEFORE YOU SHOP

- Look at your WIC shopping list or recent receipt to check your available benefit balance.
- Check the dates of the benefit period. Shop before the "Last Day to Spend" to prevent unused benefits from expiring.
- Bring your eWIC card, WIC Food List, and WIC shopping list or recent benefit balance to the store.

WHILE YOU SHOP

- Shop for WIC foods at Authorized Virginia WIC Retailers that display the "eWIC Accepted Here" window decal.
- Choose only WIC-approved items from this Food List and make sure you have the correct quantities indicated on your WIC shopping list/benefit balance. Keep in mind that retailers may not carry all of the items listed or pictured.
- Look for WIC shelf labels to identify WIC approved foods in the following categories:
 - Breakfast Cereals
 - 1% and Skim/Fat-Free Milk
 - Cheese
 - Yogurt
 - Peanut Butter
 - Juice



AT THE CHECKOUT

- Some stores require eWIC transactions to be made in specific checkout lanes. Check with customer service if you are unsure which lanes accept eWIC cards as payment.
- Tell the cashier you are using your eWIC card and ask if you need to separate your groceries.
- Use your eWIC card before other forms of payment.
- Keep your receipt after every eWIC card purchase. It shows your available food benefit balance and the Last Day to Spend (LDTs) your current benefits.



Fruits and Vegetables



Cash Value Benefits are used to purchase WIC-eligible fruits and vegetables. These include fresh, frozen, and canned fruits and vegetables. Your cash value benefits will appear on your shopping list as a dollar amount. If the cost of your fruits and vegetables are more than the dollar amount available on the cash value benefit, you may put something back or pay the difference with another form of payment (SNAP, cash or credit/debit card).

- Canned and frozen fruits and vegetables are often less expensive than fresh fruits and vegetables when they are not in season.
- Some fresh fruits and vegetables won't last long after you bring them home. Buy small amounts more often so that you can eat them without throwing any away.
- Canned and frozen fruits and vegetables can be bought in large quantities when they are on sale because they can be stored much longer.
- Buying fruits and vegetables in their whole form is cheaper. Although pre-cut, pre-washed, and ready-to-eat fruits and vegetables are convenient, they often cost more.
- Organic fruits and vegetables are typically more expensive than similar non-organic varieties. Make your choice based on the factors that are important to you.

FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

✓ BUY

- Whole, cut, or bagged fruits and vegetables
- Organic or non-organic
- Choose any brand



✗ DON'T BUY:

- added fats and sugars
- breaded vegetables
- dried vegetables and fruits (including prunes or raisins)
- edible blossoms or flowers
- fruit baskets
- fruit leather/fruit roll-ups
- chili peppers or garlic on a string
- herbs and spices
- salad dressings
- fruit and vegetable trays
- nuts
- olives
- decorative fruits and vegetables (including gourds, painted pumpkins)
- salad bar items
- salad kits with dressing or other food items (including croutons)
- veggie chips
- single serve containers

FROZEN FRUITS & VEGETABLES

✓ BUY

- Organic or non-organic
- Includes frozen beans or peas
- Choose any brand



✗ DON'T BUY:

- added sugars, artificial sweeteners, syrups, fats, oils, flavorings, seasonings
- herbs and spices
- vegetables with cream, cheese, butter sauces
- combinations with breaded vegetables, rice or pasta
- vegetables with added meats
- soup
- pizza
- popsicles, fruit bars, fruit smoothies
- single serve containers

CANNED FRUITS

✓ BUY

- Organic or non-organic
- Water or juice packed
- Includes unsweetened applesauce
- Choose any brand



Choose containers that say:

- “In its Own Juice”
- “100% Fruit Juice”
- “Naturally Sweet”
- “Unsweetened”

✗DON'T BUY:

- added sugars, artificial sweeteners, syrups, fats, oils, flavorings, seasonings (including cinnamon)
- herbs and spices
- canned fruits with added salt
- fruit cocktail
- cranberry sauce
- cocktail cherries
- pie filling
- single serve containers

CANNED VEGETABLES

✓ BUY

- Organic or non-organic
- Regular or low-sodium
- Whole, diced, crushed, or pureed tomatoes; tomato paste
- Choose any brand



✗DON'T BUY:

- added sugars, artificial sweeteners, syrups, fats, oils, flavorings, seasonings
- herbs and spices
- cream, cheese, butter sauces
- pickled vegetables (including sauerkraut), pickles, relish, olives
- combinations with rice or pasta
- ketchup, stewed tomatoes, tomato sauces (including pizza and spaghetti), salsa
- canned vegetables with added meats
- baked beans or pork and beans
- dry or canned beans included in the legume category
- soups
- single serve containers

Whole Grains

WHOLE WHEAT BREADS



BUY

- 16 oz. (1 pound) package size only
- Choose from the following WIC eligible brands and varieties

Giant



Stone Ground 100%
Wheat Bread



100% Wheat Bread
(No Salt Added)



100% Whole
Wheat Bread

Gourmet



100% Whole
Wheat Bread

Best Yet



100% Whole
Wheat Bread

Bimbo



100% Whole
Wheat Bread

Essential
Everyday



100% Whole
Wheat Bread

Food Lion



100% Whole
Wheat Bread

Harris Teeter



100% Whole
Wheat Bread

Healthy Life



100% Whole Wheat
Whole Grain Bread

Kerns



100% Whole
Wheat Bread

Kroger



100% Whole
Wheat Bread



Nature's Own



Whole Wheat W/
Honey Bread

Nature's Promise



Natural 100% Whole
Wheat Sandwich Bread

Our Family



100% Whole
Wheat Bread

Pepperidge Farm.....|



100% Whole
Wheat Bread



Very Thin 100%
Whole Wheat Bread

Roman Meal



Sungrain 100%
Whole Wheat

Sara Lee.....|



100% Whole
Wheat Bread



Classic 100% Whole
Wheat Bread

Schmidt's



Old Tyme 100%
Whole Wheat Bread

Shop Rite



100% Whole
Wheat Bread

Signature Select



100% Whole
Wheat Bread

Weis



100% Whole
Wheat Bread

Wonder|



Soft 100% Whole
Wheat Bread



100% Whole
Wheat Bread

×DON'T BUY:

- organic varieties
- varieties with artificial sweeteners or added ingredients (including herbs, peppers, cheese, cinnamon, raisins)
- English muffins/rolls/buns

Whole Grains

WHOLE WHEAT PASTA



- 16 oz. (1 pound) package size only
- Choose from the following WIC eligible brands and varieties

Barilla Whole Grain



- Angel Hair
- Elbows
- Linguine
- Medium Shells
- Penne
- Rotini
- Spaghetti
- Thin Spaghetti

Essential Everyday Whole Wheat



- Elbow Macaroni
- Penne Rigate
- Rotini
- Spaghetti
- Thin Spaghetti

Food Club Whole Wheat



- Penne Rigate
- Spaghetti

Great Value Whole Wheat



- Elbows
- Linguine
- Penne
- Rotini
- Spaghetti
- Thin Spaghetti

Hodgson Mill Whole Wheat



- Angel Hair
- Elbows
- Spaghetti
- Spirals
- Thin Spaghetti

H.T. Traders Whole Wheat



- Capellini
- Fusilli
- Penne Rigate
- Rigatoni
- Spaghetti

Kroger Whole Grain



- Penne Rigate
- Rotini
- Spaghetti
- Thin Spaghetti



WHOLE WHEAT PASTA

Our Family Whole Wheat



- Rotini
- Spaghetti

Racconto Whole Wheat



- Capellini
- Elbows
- Farfalle
- Linguine
- Penne Rigate
- Rigatoni
- Rotini
- Spaghetti

Ronzoni Whole Grain



- Linguine
- Penne Rigate
- Rotini
- Spaghetti
- Thin Spaghetti

Weis Quality Whole Wheat



- Angel Hair
- Penne Rigate
- Rotini
- Spaghetti

✗DON'T BUY:

- organic varieties
- refrigerated or frozen varieties

- varieties with added ingredients (including seasoning, vegetables, protein, fiber)
- pasta meals

BROWN RICE

✓ BUY

- 16 oz. (1 pound) package size only
- Bag or box containers
- Regular, instant, and quick varieties
- Choose any brand

✗DON'T BUY:

- organic varieties
- varieties with added sugars/artificial sweeteners/salt/fats/oils/flavorings
- rice mixes
- specialty rice including jasmine, basmati, wild



Whole Grains

TORTILLAS



BUY

- 16 oz. (1 pound) package size only
- Choose from the following WIC eligible brands



Best Choice



whole wheat



corn

Celia's



whole wheat



corn

Chi Chi's



whole wheat



white corn

Don Pancho



whole wheat



white corn

Essential Everyday...



whole wheat



white corn

Food Club.....



whole wheat



white corn

Food Lion



whole wheat

Giant



whole wheat



yellow corn



white corn

Guerrero



white corn

Hy-Top



yellow corn

Kroger



whole wheat

TORTILLAS

La Banderita



whole wheat



white corn

La Burrita



corn

Lowes



whole wheat

Mi Casa



whole wheat

Mission



whole wheat



whole wheat
fajita



yellow corn

Ortega



whole wheat

Our Family



whole wheat



yellow corn



white corn

Siempre
Authentico



whole wheat

Signature
Kitchens



whole wheat

Tio Santi



whole wheat

Wegmans



whole wheat

Weis



whole wheat

✗DON'T BUY:

- organic varieties
- refrigerated varieties
- varieties with added ingredients (including herbs, peppers, cheese)
- corn tortilla chips
- hard shell tortilla/taco shell, taco kits
- wraps, flatbreads, pita

Legumes



DRIED PEAS, BEANS, LENTILS

✓ BUY

- 16 oz. (1 pound) package size only
- Choose any brand and single variety



✗ DON'T BUY:

- organic varieties
- varieties with added fats, oils, sugars, meats, flavors
- combination, mixes
- dried beans with seasoning packets
- soup mixes
- fresh and frozen immature varieties (including green peas, snap peas, green beans) that can be purchased using WIC Cash Value Benefits

CANNED BEANS

✓ BUY

- 15 oz. to 16 oz. can size only
- Choose any brand and single variety
- Regular, low-sodium, salt-free



✗ DON'T BUY:

- organic varieties
- varieties with added fats, oils, sugars, meats, flavors
- combination, mixes
- fresh and frozen immature varieties (including green peas, snap peas, green beans) that can be purchased using WIC Cash Value Benefits

PEANUT BUTTER

✓ BUY

- 16oz. to 18oz. jar size only
- Choose WIC approved national and store brands
- Choose from the following varieties:
 - Chunky
 - Creamy
 - Crunchy
 - Extra crunchy
 - Smooth



✗ DON'T BUY:

- organic or natural varieties
- blends
- low-fat or reduced-fat
- low-sugar
- low-sodium
- honey roasted
- fortified, added vitamins
- freshly ground
- whipped
- peanut spreads

Canned Fish

Available to women who are fully breastfeeding, mostly breastfeeding multiples, or pregnant with more than one baby.

TUNA

✓ BUY

- Chunk light, water packed tuna only
- 5.0 oz. to 6.5 oz. can size only
- Choose any brand



SALMON

✓ BUY

- Alaskan or Pink salmon only
- 7.5 oz. or 14.75 oz. can size only
- Choose any brand



✗ DON'T BUY:

- organic or flavored varieties
- low-sodium
- pouches, single serving, lunch packs, or ready to serve
- solid, white, and/or albacore

Shopping Tip

1 CONTAINER OF LEGUMES

1 pound (16 oz.) package dry mature beans, peas, or lentils



OR

4 (15-16 oz.) cans mature beans



OR

1 (16-18 oz.) jar of peanut butter



Milk | Eggs | Cheese | Yogurt

MILK

Cow's Milk



✓ **BUY** (As prescribed or listed on your WIC benefit balance)

- Choose the best value or WIC eligible brand only
- Gallon, Half-Gallon, and Quart size containers only

Specialty Milk

✓ **BUY** (As prescribed or listed on your WIC benefit balance)

• Lactose-Free Milk

Choose any brand, in the following sizes only: 96 oz., Half-Gallon, Quart

• Soy Milk - Choose from the following brands and varieties



8th Continent Soy:
64 oz., refrigerated,
original or vanilla
flavor



Pacific Natural Foods Ultra Soy:
32 oz., shelf stable, original or
vanilla flavor



Silk:
32 oz., shelf stable, original flavor
64 oz., refrigerated, original flavor
64 oz. 2 pack/128 oz., refrigerated, original flavor



Shopping Tip

WAYS TO BUY A GALLON



✗DON'T BUY:

- organic varieties
- ½% milk
- sweetened or flavored varieties
- deluxe skim
- added calcium
- dry, evaporated, condensed varieties
- varieties not listed including buttermilk, goat, almond, coconut, cashew, rice, kefir
- light or fat-free soy milk
- raw/unpasteurized milk

EGGS

✓ BUY

- Large, white, grade A or AA
- One dozen carton size only
- Choose any brand



✗ DON'T BUY:

- organic varieties
- egg substitutes
- brown eggs
- pre-boiled eggs
- specialty eggs including low-cholesterol (Eggland's Best), Omega-3 enriched

CHEESE



✓ BUY

- 16 oz. (1 pound) package size only
- Prepackaged in block or sliced form only
- Regular, reduced-fat, fat-free or low-sodium
- Choose WIC approved national and store brands
- Choose from the following varieties:
 - American
 - Cheddar
 - Monterey Jack
 - Mozzarella (whole or part-skim)
 - Swiss



✗ DON'T BUY:

- organic or mixed varieties
- cheese product, imitation cheese, cheese spread
- blended cheese food
- varieties with added ingredients or flavors, including smoked cheese
- imported cheese
- cheese sticks, string cheese, individually wrapped slices, deli-sliced, cubed or shredded
- variety packs

YOGURT



✓ BUY

- 32 oz. container size only
- Plain or vanilla flavor
- Whole, low or nonfat (As prescribed or listed on your eWIC shopping list)
- Choose WIC approved national and store brands



✗ DON'T BUY:

- organic or specialty varieties, including Greek
- varieties with artificial sweeteners and added ingredients like granola, candy, honey, nuts or fruit on the bottom
- drinkable or pouch varieties
- infant yogurt

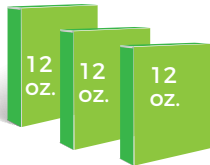
Cold Cereals



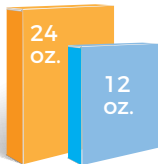
WAYS TO BUY UP TO 36 oz OF CEREAL



Totals 36 oz.



Totals 36 oz.



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Totals 36 oz.

Buy any combination of hot or cold WIC approved cereals, totaling 36 ounces



BUY:

- 12 oz. or larger, up to 36 oz.



= A minimum of 51% whole grain cereal



= Gluten Free

Always Save



Corn Flakes



Crisp Rice



Frosted Shredded Wheat



Toasted Oats



Corn Crisps

Best Choice



Corn Flakes



Crispy Corn and Rice



Crisp Rice



Enriched Bran Flakes



Frosted Shredded Wheat

Best Choice



Happy O's



Honey Oat Clusters



Nutty Nuggets



Rice Crisps



Shredded Wheat Maple & Brown Sugar

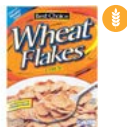
Best Choice



Shredded Wheat
Strawberry



Wheat Crisps



Wheat Flakes



Bran Flakes



Corn Flakes



Crispy Rice



Honey Oats & Flakes

Best Yet



Shredded Wheat
Frosted



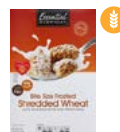
Strawberry
Shredded Wheat



Toasted Oats



Corn Flakes



Bite Size Frosted
Shredded Wheat



Corn Flakes



Crispy Hexagons

Better Value

Essential Everyday

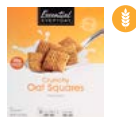
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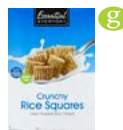
Crispy Rice



Crunchy Corn
Squares



Crunchy Oat
Squares



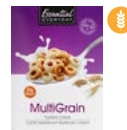
Crunchy Rice
Squares



Crunchy Wheat
Squares



Honey and
Oat Clusters



MultiGrain
Tosted Oats

Breakfast Cereals

Cold Cereals



= A minimum of 51% whole grain cereal

= Gluten Free

Essential Everyday



Nutty Nuggets



Toasted Oats



Wheat Bran Flakes



Corn Flakes



Corn Squares



Crisp Rice



Essential Choice Bran Flakes

Food Club



Frosted Shredded Wheat



Honey and Oats



Rice Squares



Strawberry Frosted Shredded Wheat



Toasted Oats



Twin Grain Crisp



Wheat Squares

Food Lion



Corn Flakes



Crispy Hexagons



Crispy Rice



Enriched Wheat Bran Flakes



Frosted Shredded Wheat



Multigrain Tasteeos



Oats & More with Honey

Food Lion



Strawberry
Shredded Wheat



Tasteeos



Toasted Rice



Berry Berry
Kix



Cheerios



Cinnamon
Chex



Corn Chex

General Mills



Fiber One Honey
Clusters



Honey Kix



Kix



Multigrain
Cheerios



Rice Chex



Total Whole
Grain



Vanilla Chex

General Mills



Wheat Chex



Wheaties



Be Well Toasted
Rice Flakes



Bran Flakes



Corn Flakes



Corn Squares



Crispers

Cold Cereals



 = A minimum of 51% whole grain cereal

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Giant



Crispy Rice



Frosted
Shredded Wheat



Honey Crunchin
Oats



Nutty Nuggets



Oat Squares



Oats and O's



Oats and O's
Multigrain

Giant

Great Value



Rice Squares



Bran Flakes



Corn Flakes



Corn Squares



Crunchy
Honey Oats



Crunchy
Nuggets



Frosted
Shredded Wheat

Great Value



O's Oat Cereal



Oat Crunch



Multi Grain O's



Rice Crispers



Rice Squares



Shredded Wheat



Wheat Squares

Harris Teeter



Corn Flakes



Crisp 6



Crispy Rice



Enriched Bran Flakes



Frosted Bite-Sized Shredded Wheat



Frosted Shredded Wheat Strawberry



Livewise

Harris Teeter



Nutty Bites



Oats & More with Honey



Rice Squares (G)



Toasted Oats



Bran Flakes



Corn Flakes



Crisp Rice

Hy•Top



Crispy Honey Oats & Flakes



Frosted Shredded Wheat



Shredded Wheat



Toasted Oats



Bite Size Shredded Wheat



Corn Flakes



Corn Squares

IGA

Cold Cereals



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= Gluten Free

IGA



Crispy Corn & Rice



Crispy Rice



Enriched Bran Flakes



Frosted Shredded Wheat



Nutty Nuggets



Original Toasted Oats



Rice Squares

IGA



Tasteeos



All-Bran



Corn Flakes



Crispix



Frosted Mini Wheats Little Bites



Frosted Mini Wheats Original



Frosted Mini Wheats Raspberry

Kellogg's



Mini Wheats Unfrosted



Rice Krispies



Special K Original



Bite Size Shredded Wheat



Bran Flakes



Corn Flakes



Crispy Rice

Kiggins

Kiggins



Frosted Shredded Wheat



Rollin' Oats



Blueberry Frosted Shredded Wheat



Bran Flakes



Corn Flakes



Crispy Rice



Frosted Shredded Wheat

Kroger



Living Well



Nutty Nuggets



Oat Squares



Rice Bitz



Strawberry Frosted Shredded Wheat



Toasted Oats



Bite Size Corn

Laura Lynn



Bite Size Rice



Corn Flakes



Crisp Rice



Frosted Shredded Wheat



Hexa Crisp



Honey & Oats



Multigrain Toasted Oats

Cold Cereals



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Laura Lynn



Toasted Oats



Wheat Bran Flakes

Lowes Foods



Bran Flakes



Corn Flakes



Crispy Rice



Frosted Shredded Wheat



Oats & More with Honey

Lowes Foods



Tasteos



Twin Grain Crisp

Malt O Meal



Crispy Rice



Frosted Mini Spooners



Strawberry Mini Spooners

Our Family



4 Corner Crunch Original



Bite Size Frosted Shredded Wheat

Our Family



Bite Size Shredded Wheat Strawberry



Corn Biscuits



Corn Flakes



Crispy Hexagons



Crispy Rice



High Fiber Bran Flakes



MultiGrain Toasted Oats

Our Family



Oats & More with Honey



Rice Biscuits



Toasted Oats



Corn Flakes



Crisp Rice



Toasted Oats



Corn Flakes



Frosted Shredded Wheat



Toasted Oats



Post



Alpha-Bits



Bran Flakes



Grape Nuts Flakes



Grape Nuts Original



Honey Bunches of Oats Roasted



Honey Bunches of Oats Honey Crunch



Honey Bunches of Oats Cinnamon



Honey Bunches of Oats Vanilla



Bite Size Frosted Shredded Wheat



Price Rite

Price Rite



Bran Flakes



Corn Flakes



Crisp Rice



Toasted Oats



Bran Flakes



Corn Flakes



Crispy Corn & Rice



Crispy Rice



Frosted Wheat



Publix

Breakfast Cereals

Cold Cereals



= A minimum of 51% whole grain cereal

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Publix



Multi Grain
Toasted



Nutty Nuggets



Original Oat
Crunch



Shredded Wheat



Toasted Oats

Ralston Foods



Corn Biscuits



Corn Flakes



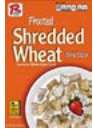
Ralston Foods



Crisp Rice



Crispy Hexagons



Frosted Shredded
Wheat Bite Size



Oat Wise



Oats & More with
Honey



Rice Biscuits



Shredded Wheat
Bite Size



Tasteeos



Wheat Bran
Flakes

Shur Fine



Bran Flakes



Crisp Rice



Frosted
Shredded Wheat



Bite-Size Frosted
Shredded Wheat



Bite-Size
Shredded Wheat

Signature Kitchens



Bran Flakes



Corn Flakes



Crispy Rice



Live It Up!

Cold Cereals



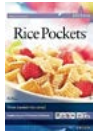
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 = Gluten Free

Signature Kitchens | Sunbelt Bakery | Valu Time | Wegmans.....



Oats & More
with Honey



Rice Pockets



Toasted Oats



Simple Granola



Bran Flakes



Corn Flakes



Toasted Oats



Corn Flakes

Wegmans.....

Weis



Toasted Oats



Corn Flakes



Crispy Hexagons



Crispy Rice



Essentially You



Multigrain
Toasted Oats



Oats & More
with Honey



Shredded Wheat
Bite Size



Weis



Shredded Wheat Frosted



Toasted Corn



Toasted Oats



Toasted Rice



Wheat Bran Flakes



Wheat Flakes



Breakfast Cereals

Hot Cereals



= A minimum of 51% whole grain cereal

= Gluten Free

BUY:

● 11.8 oz. or larger

Best Choice.....|



Instant Oatmeal
Original



Creamy Wheat



Instant Oatmeal
Original

Cream of Rice.....|



Hot Cereal



Instant Hot
Cereal

Cream of Wheat.....



Instant Original



Instant Whole
Grain

Cream of Wheat.....|



Original 1 Minute



Original
2 1/2 Minute



Whole Grain
2 1/2 Minute

Essential Everyday



Instant Oatmeal
Original

Food Club



Instant Oatmeal
Regular

Food Lion



Instant Oatmeal
Regular

Giant



Instant Oatmeal
Original

Great Value



Instant Oatmeal
Original

Harris Teeter



Instant Oatmeal
Original



HyTop



Instant Oatmeal
Regular

IGA



Instant Oatmeal
Regular

Kroger



Instant Oatmeal
Original

Laura Lynn



Instant Oatmeal
Original

Lowes Foods



Instant Oatmeal
Original

Malt O Meal.....|



Co Co Wheats



Farina



Hot Wheat Cereal

Our Family



Instant Oatmeal
Regular

Price Rite



Instant Oatmeal
Original

Publix



Instant Oatmeal
Original

Ralston Foods.....|



Instant Oatmeal
Regular



Creamy Wheat

Signature
Kitchens



Instant Oatmeal
Original

Weis



Instant Oatmeal
Original



Juice

FROZEN JUICE

(For Women Only)

✓ **BUY**

- Unsweetened, 100% single variety fruit juice
- 12 oz. size containers only
- Choose from the following WIC eligible brands and varieties



Always Save
apple



Best Choice
apple, grape



Best Yet
apple



Essential Everyday
apple, grape



Food Club
apple, grape



Food Lion
apple



Giant
apple, grape



Great Value
apple, grape



Harris Teeter
apple



Hy-Top
apple, grape



Kroger
apple, grape



Old Orchard
apple, grape
white grape



Our Family
apple



ShurFine
apple



Signature Kitchens
apple



Tipton Grove
apple



Tree Top
apple



Valu Time
apple



Wegmans
apple



Weis
apple

✗ **DON'T BUY:**

- organic varieties
- varieties with added sugar or artificial sweeteners
- blended varieties
- fruit drinks, fruit punch, juice cocktail
- reduced acid
- infant juice



All brands of 100% orange juice and 100% grape-fruit juice in the following container sizes are WIC approved:

- 12 oz: frozen
- 64 oz: refrigerated
- 64 oz: shelf stable

LIQUID JUICE

(For Children Only)

✓ **BUY**

- Unsweetened, 100% single variety fruit juice
- 64 oz. size containers only, shelf stable or refrigerated
- Choose from the following WIC eligible brands and varieties



Always Save

apple



Apple and Eve

apple
white grape



Best Choice

apple, grape, white grape



Best Yet

apple, grape, white grape



**Essential
Everyday**

apple, grape, white grape



Food Club

apple, grape, white grape



Food Lion

apple, grape, white grape



Giant

apple, grape, white grape



Great Value

apple, grape, white grape



Harris Teeter

apple, grape, white grape



Harvest Classic

apple



Hy-Top

apple, grape, white grape



IGA

apple, grape, white grape



Juicy Juice

apple, grape



Kroger

apple, grape, white grape



Laura Lynn

apple, grape, white grape



Lowe's

apple, grape, white grape



Mott's

apple



Old Orchard

apple, grape, white grape



Our Family

apple, grape, white grape



Piggly Wiggly

apple, grape, white grape



Price Rite

apple, grape



Publix

apple, grape, white grape



Shurfine

apple, grape, white grape



**Signature
Kitchens**

apple, grape



Tipton Grove

apple, grape



Tree Top

apple



Valu Time

apple, grape, white grape



Wegmans

apple, grape



Weis

apple, grape, white grape



Welch's

grape, white grape



White House

apple

WIC Encourages and Supports Breastfeeding

Mother's milk has everything a baby needs to grow and stay healthy. Doctors strongly recommend breastfeeding for the first year, and longer if desired by mother and baby.

Breastfeeding Benefits Babies

- Best possible nutrition
- Reduces the risk of infant illnesses, diarrhea, and SIDS
- Reduces the risk of chronic disease including diabetes, asthma, heart disease, and cancer
- Increases baby's immunity to fight diseases and prevent allergies
- Always clean and safe
- Easy to digest – immediately ready to help baby grow

Breastfeeding Benefits Moms

- Reduces the risk of chronic diseases, breast, and ovarian cancers
- Promotes weight loss after pregnancy
- Always ready and at the right temperature
- Economical and saves money

Breastfeeding Benefits Families

- Saves money, time, and the environment
- Builds a foundation for a life time of good health
- Prepares babies for interactive play
- Allows babies to stay healthier – moms and dads don't have to miss work

Exclusively breastfeeding mothers and their babies are eligible to receive extra food benefits from WIC. Contact your local WIC office for breastfeeding support and feeding tips.



Infant Food | Infant Cereal | Infant Formula

INFANT CEREAL

✓ **BUY**

- 8 oz. container size only
- Rice and oatmeal varieties only
- Choose any brand

✗ **DON'T BUY:**

- mixed cereals
- organic varieties
- varieties that include DHA, fruit, formula, and/or yogurt

INFANT FORMULA

Choose the brand, variety, and type listed on your food prescription or eWIC shopping list only.



INFANT FOOD

Infant Fruits and Vegetables

✓ **BUY**

- 4 oz. container size only
- Choose single ingredients or combinations of fruits and vegetables (i.e., apple-banana, apple-sweet potato, etc.)
- Choose any brand

Infant Meats

(Available to exclusively breastfed infants 6-11 months only)

✓ **BUY**

- 2.5 oz. container size only
- Choose any brand
- Choose from the following varieties:
 - Beef and broth/gravy
 - Chicken and broth/gravy
 - Ham and broth/gravy
 - Turkey and broth/gravy

Buying Infant Food Fruits and Vegetables



4 oz.

= **4 OZ.**



2 oz. 2 pack

= **4 OZ.**



4 oz. 2 pack

= **8 OZ.**

✗ **DON'T BUY:**

- pouches
- organic varieties
- desserts, dinners, or casseroles
- mixtures with added DHA/ARA, salt, sugar, cheese, cereal, or pasta

Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I buy my WIC food?

Your WIC benefits can only be purchased at Virginia WIC approved stores. Look for the “eWIC Accepted Here” window decal to identify approved stores. Your local WIC office can also help you find approved stores in your area.

Are WIC eligible foods identified at the store?

WIC approved stores will use shelf labels to identify WIC eligible foods in the following categories: 1%/fat-free milk, cheese, yogurt, juice, peanut butter, and breakfast cereals. Eligible foods in the other categories are identified within this food list.

Do I have to buy every item on my shopping list at one time?

You do not have to buy all your foods at one time. Buy what you need. As food items are purchased with your eWIC card, these items will be deducted from the available balance.

Can I use my eWIC card at any checkout lane?

Some stores require eWIC transactions to be made in specific checkout lanes. Check with customer service if you are unsure which lanes accept eWIC cards as payment.

Do I have to separate my WIC foods from other foods that I am buying?

Although it is not required to separate your WIC foods at all stores, it is a good practice to follow. You may also want to present any coupons ahead of time, so that the cashier knows how to best ring up your purchase.

What should I do with my eWIC card after my benefits are used for the month?

You will use the same eWIC card every month to redeem your WIC benefits. It's important to keep your card safe with the black strip clean and free from scratches. Do not store your card near your cell phone, magnets, or hot places like the dashboard of the car; this could cause your card to stop working.

When will I be able to use my WIC benefits?

Your WIC benefits will be loaded onto your eWIC card at 12:00 midnight on the First Date to Spend (FDTs) and will expire at 12:00 midnight on the Last Day to Spend (LDTs).

What happens if all of my WIC foods are not purchased this month, will these benefits roll over to the next month?

No, any benefits that are not used will expire on the Last Day to Spend (LDTs) and cannot be used later.

How do I check my benefit balance?

- Check your last store receipt from the current month
- Perform a balance inquiry at the store
- Call customer service at 1-877-677-5963
- If you receive text messages from WIC, you may send the BAL (balance inquiry) text command to WICVA from your mobile phone

Can I change the foods listed on my shopping list?

If you have concerns about your WIC food prescription, contact your local WIC office. Food substitutions may not be made at the store. WIC foods can only be exchanged for the exact same item. WIC foods cannot be returned to the store for cash, credit or exchanged for different items.

What if I run out of food and I have already used all of my WIC benefits?

The WIC program is only meant to “supplement” your diet. The foods you receive at WIC are not intended to meet all of your nutritional needs. You will need to purchase additional foods on your own, including infant formula.

Your local WIC office can offer referrals to food assistance programs as needed.



Why did the cashier tell me that the item I am trying to buy is not allowed using my eWIC card?

If a food is not allowed as an eWIC purchase, it might be because:

- you do not have enough benefits left
- it is not on your food prescription
- it is not a Virginia WIC eligible food
- it is not in the Virginia WIC APL

If this happens, keep your receipt, take a picture of the food and barcode, and contact your local WIC office.

What should I do if I have problems at the grocery store?

If you have a problem at the grocery store, ask to talk with the store manager. If the issue cannot be resolved at the store, contact your local WIC office to discuss your concerns.

You may be asked to provide the following:

- Store name, address, and phone number
- Date and time of the incident
- Name(s) of store personnel involved (store manager, cashier, etc.)
- Food item name, UPC (barcode), package size
- Copy of store receipt
- Details of the incident

Money Saving Tips

- Check store ads for sales.
- Create a weekly meal plan based on food prices.
- Make a shopping list and stick to it. Avoid shopping while you are hungry.
- Use your store discount/loyalty card and coupons.
- Compare brands— store brands often offer similar products for less money.
- Look at the top and bottom shelves — stores often stock the higher priced items at eye level on the middle shelves.
- Buy fresh produce when it is in season — it will cost less and taste better than out of season produce.
- Take the time to prepare your own meals— convenience foods, pre-cut fruits and vegetables, instant rice/oatmeal tend to cost more than if you prepare them yourself.
- Buy in bulk —larger packages often cost less than several small packages. Just be sure that you have storage space and will be able to use the item before it goes bad.
- Reach to the back of the shelf for the freshest items — especially for meat, dairy, fruits & vegetables.
- Shop wisely...not all stores offer the same selection.





QUESTIONS?

Just call 877-835-5942 or

Contact your local WIC clinic at:



Please note that every store may not carry all of the Virginia WIC approved foods. This list is subject to change as new food options become available.



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