# ARKANSAS WIC PROGRAM APPROVED FOOD LIST







#### Effective October 1, 2021

For more information, contact the WIC State Office at (501) 661-2508, 1-800-235-0002, your local health unit or www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/wic.

## **Know Your Balance**

The best way to keep track of how much you have left to spend in your WIC benefit account is to know your balance.

The best way to know your balance is to **KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS.** 

## Using your eWIC card:

- At checkout, have your eWIC card ready, and tell your cashier you are using an eWIC card.
- The cashier will tell you when to insert your eWIC card into the card reader. Follow instructions from cashier and on card reader.
- After all groceries have been scanned, the card reader will ask you to confirm the WIC foods before deducting the WIC purchase from the balance on your card.
- You will receive an ending receipt that will have your remaining WIC foods benefit balance.
- Any food benefits for the current month still on the card will expire at midnight on the last day of the month.
- You may also view your eWIC card balance by downloading the My AR WIC app.

| Musick Grocery<br>SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE<br>1974 Grocery Avenue |  |   |  |
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| Store: 100  |  |   |  |
| Cashier: Foreman<br>11/23/23 16:36:52                           |  |   |  |
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| ****  |  | WIC EBT Benefit Balance<br>Start Date 11/01/2023  |  |
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| 2<br>1<br>36<br>1<br>5.04<br>5<br>3<br>1                        | POUND<br>DOZEN<br>OUNCE<br>JarBag<br>POUND<br>\$\$\$\$\$<br>CAN<br>GALLON<br>CBL | Cheese 16oz -All Authorized<br>Eggs-All Authorized<br>Cereal-All Authorized<br>Peanut Butter/Legumes-All<br>Whole Grains-All Authorized<br>Fruits and Vegetables<br>GERBER GOOD START Gentle pwd<br>Lowfat/Nonfat Milk-All<br>Juice 64oz-All Authorized |  |
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| WIC Items for Redemption  |  |   |  |
| 18  |  | 04:36:52 PM<br>xxxxxxx7599<br>3<br>KIX Cereal   |  |
| 1<br>0.5<br>1<br>1.64<br>1.32<br>2                              | POUND<br>Pound<br>Dozen<br>Gallon<br>\$\$\$\$\$<br>\$\$\$\$\$<br>Cans            | Sara Lee Whole Wheat Bread<br>Store Brand American Cheese-8oz<br>Large Eggs<br>Store Brand Lowfat Milk<br>Banana<br>Romaine<br>GERBER GOOD START Gentle pwd   |  |
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| Benefits Expire Midnight on 11/30/2023                          |  |   |  |
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## Available for download from the App Store and Google Play!

Search using "My Arkansas WIC"

### The app features:

- Current Benefit Balance
- Future Benefits
- Food Finder
- Messages and Alerts from WIC Program
- Link to Nutrition Education
- Store Locator

# How to register to view Benefits after downloading the App:

- Select the "Settings" option.
- Under Registration, select "Register." If there are multiple family members, they will all be in one account when registered.
- Enter your 8-digit Household ID number
- Enter the last 10-digits of your Card Number.
- Enter a name you want the account to be called. It can be the name of the family or participants receiving WIC.
- Select "Register."
- With successful registration, the following message will display: You can now select "Benefits" to view Current and Future benefits for the Household.
- You may register more than one household in the app.

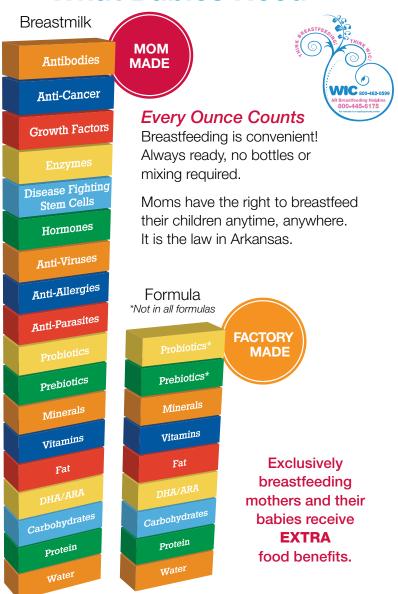
### Other features included on the App:

- Food Finder allows you to scan UPC codes, enter UPC codes, and view the WIC Approved Food List.
- Messages A Benefit Balance Reminder will be sent when benefits are set to expire.
- Nutrition Connects to www.arwiconline.org for Nutrition Education.
- **Store Locator** provides the Name, Address, Phone Number, and Directions to stores that accept Arkansas WIC.





## Breastmilk Has More of What Babies Need



Arkansas WIC has Lactation Specialists and Breastfeeding Peer Counselors to provide breastfeeding support at no cost. WIC can help with any of your questions or concerns.

## Breastfeeding Helpline 1-800-445-6175 www.facebook.com/arwicbreastfeeding

## **Infant Foods**

THESE BRANDS ONLY





## Infant Fruits & Vegetables

### For infants 6 through 11 months

4 oz containers





## ALLOWED

- Regular, Natural, or Organic
- Stage 2 or 2nd foods
- Glass jars or plastic tubs, as singles or packs
- Any variety single fruit or vegetable
- Any variety mixed fruits and/ or vegetables
- Variety packs with 4 oz containers

Every store may not carry all WIC approved foods/brands.



#### **X NOT ALLOWED**

- Added cereal, flour, or starches
- Added meat, sugar, salt, or DHA
- Desserts (example: juice and fruit blends, pudding, or cobbler)
- Dinners
- Squeeze pouches
- Yogurt blends

## Infant Meats

### Only for Exclusively Breastfed Infants 6 through 11 months, who are not receiving formula from WIC

2.5 oz containers

## ALLOWED

- Regular or Organic
- Stage 1 or 2
- Glass jars ONLY
- Single meat varieties with broth or gravy
- Variety packs with 2.5 oz containers

### **\* NOT ALLOWED**

- Added sugar, salt, or DHA
- Added fruit, vegetables, rice, or pasta (example: dinners, casseroles, soups or stews)
- Meat sticks

## **Infant Foods**

## Infant Cereal For infants 6 through 11 months 8 oz or 16 oz container dry infant cereal.

- Regular or Organic
- Stage 1 or 2
- Choose from: Rice, Barley, Oatmeal, MultiGrain, or Whole Wheat



#### **X NOT ALLOWED**

- Cereal with fruit, formula, or DHA/ARA
- High protein or other added ingredients

## **Infant Formula**

Type and amount listed on WIC benefit. No exchanges or substitutions.

#### **\* NOT ALLOWED**

• Low-iron formula or any brand not listed on WIC benefit

## Dairy

## CHEESE

Least expensive brand available at time of purchase within variety selected 8 oz or 16 oz package

## ALLOWED

- American (yellow only), Cheddar, Colby, Colby Jack, Monterey Jack, Mozzarella, Muenster, Provolone, or Swiss
- Block, shredded, sliced, or string cheese



#### **\* NOT ALLOWED**

- Cheese products, whips, or spreads
- Cheese with meat, peppers, pimentos, seeds, etc.
- Cubed, grated, crumbles, curds, or shapes
- Deli department sliced
- Fresh mozzarella
- Goat, farmer, or soy
- Imported
- Individually wrapped cheese slices (singles)
- Processed cheese foods (example: Velveeta)
- Raw milk or smoked

## Dairy

### MILK

#### Least expensive brand available at time of purchase

Gallon, Half-gallon, or Quart containers

## ALLOWED

- Fat free, Nonfat, or Skim milk
- Low fat, Light, or 1% milk
- Low fat or Skim buttermilk
- Lactose free milk (1% or skim)
- Evaporated milk (fat free or skim)
- Powdered milk (nonfat dry) 25.6 oz container

#### ALLOWED ONLY IF ON YOUR WIC BENEFIT

• Whole milk

Quart

- Lactose free whole milk
- Evaporated milk (whole fat)
- Reduced fat milk (2%)
- Lactose free reduced fat milk (2%)

/2 Gallon

1 Quart

=1 Gallon

1 Box Nonfat

Dry Milk

=2 Gallons

#### **\* NOT ALLOWED**

- Bulgarian buttermilk
- Calcium-fortified milk
- Flavored milk (example: chocolate)
- Goat's milk
- High-protein milk
- Non-dairy
- Nut or grain milk (example: almond, coconut, or rice)
- Sweetened-condensed
- Tetra-Pack or Tetra-Brik
- Unhomogenized
- Vitamite



Soym

Ultra Soy

## SOY-BASED BEVERAGE

Half-Gallon or Quart containers

### ALLOWED

- 8th Continent Original and Vanilla
- Pacific Original
- Silk Original
- Store Brand Original

CHILDREN 2 YEARS & OLDER AND WOMEN

#### **X NOT ALLOWED**

Other flavors

## Dairy

### YOGURT

32 oz container, any variety 4 oz 4-packs (32 oz total), any variety Allowed if on your WIC benefit

#### CHILDREN 1 YEAR OLD Whole milk/Whole fat Yogurts

#### CHILDREN 2 YEARS & OLDER AND WOMEN Low fat and Nonfat Yogurts

### **\* NOT ALLOWED**

- French style or Soy
- Artificial sweeteners (example: aspartame, saccharine, or sucralose)
- Fruit on the bottom
- Separate mix-in items (example: candy, granola, or nuts)
- Yogurt in bottles (drinkable), tubes, or pouches

Plain, Greek, or Flavors

**ALLOWED** 



32 oz

2 - 16 oz packs

## Protein EGGS

#### Least expensive brand available at time of purchase Dozen containers ONLY



## **Protein**

## FISH

#### FOR FULLY BREASTFEEDING WOMEN

 Canned or Pouches May contain bones and skin Any combination of fish types not to exceed the number of ounces on WIC benefit

### **ALLOWED**

Any brand, choose from:

- In water or oil
- Chunk Light Tuna
- Mackerel
- Pink Salmon
- Sardines (any flavor)

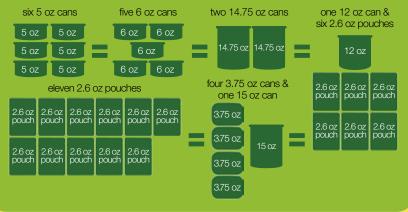
#### **X NOT ALLOWED**

- Albacore or smoked tuna.
- Breast of tuna
- Lunch packs or kits
- Tuna spread
- Tuna with herbs, flavors, seasoning, or any fillers
- Blueback, chum, red, or flavored salmon
- Prime or smoke salmon fillets



## Examples of Fish Combinations:

Choose a combination that does not go over 30 ounces.



## **Protein**

## **Bean and Peanut Butter Choices:**



16 oz (1 lb) dry legumes/beans



14-16 oz canned beans



1 jar, 16-18 oz peanut butter

## **BEANS, LENTILS, and PEAS (LEGUMES)**

DRY 16 oz or 32 oz bag

## ALLOWED DRY

- Any brand, any beans
- Plain, dry, unseasoned mature

#### **\* NOT ALLOWED DRY**

- Flavored beans or with seasoning packets
- Mixed beans
- Snap beans
- Sweet peas
- Wax beans
- Yellow beans

#### CANNED

Least expensive brand available at time of purchase within variety selected

With or without added salt 14-16 oz can

## ALLOWED CANNED

#### Varieties:

• Any brand, any beans



#### **\* NOT ALLOWED CANNED**

- Baked beans
- Chili beans
- Green beans
- Green/Sweet peas
- Pigeon peas
- Snap beans
- Wax beans
- Yellow beans
- Seasoned, flavored, or meat added

## Protein

**THE** 

#### **PEANUT BUTTER** 16-18 oz jar

#### ALLOWED

- Any brand
- Smooth, creamy, crunchy, or extra crunchy
- Regular, reduced-fat, or natural

#### **\* NOT ALLOWED**

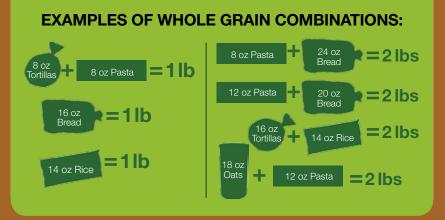
- Other nut butters
- Peanut spread
- With DHA or Omega-3
- Combination or whipped (example: mixed with chocolate, honey, jelly, marshmallow, or other flavorings)

## Whole Grains



**Choices for whole grains are:** Brown Rice, Oats, Pasta, Whole Wheat or Corn Tortillas, Whole Wheat or Whole Grain Breads.

Any combination of container sizes, not to exceed the number of **ounces** or **pounds** on WIC benefit



## Whole Grains

### BREAD

16-24 oz package

### ALLOWED

- Any brand
- 100% Whole Wheat
- 100% Whole Grain

#### **\* NOT ALLOWED**

- Bakery bread
- Bagels, buns, rolls, or English muffins
- Refrigerated or frozen bread
- White whole grain



8-32 oz package

### **ALLOWED**

- Any brand
- Yellow or White Corn
- 100% Whole Wheat

#### - X NOT ALLOWED

- Herb or flavored
- Tortilla wraps

PASTA 8-32 oz package

### ALLOWED

- Any brand
- 100% Whole Wheat
- 100% Whole Grain

#### **X NOT ALLOWED**

- Added sugar, fat, oil, salt, or seasoning
- Pasta made from rice, quinoa, flax, corn, or vegetables

Whole Grain

## Whole Grains

### OATS

16-32 oz package These oats are a whole grain choice, **NOT** a cereal choice.



Whole grains are a good source of Folate (Folic Acid), which reduces the risk of birth defects.

### **BROWN RICE**

14-16 oz package (1 lb) 28-32 oz package (2 lbs)

### ALLOWED

Any brand

Health <u>Bite</u>

- Plain, dry brown rice
- Regular, instant, quick, or boil-in-bag

#### **X NOT ALLOWED**

- Added beans, herbs, or seasonings
- Bulk, tubs, or microwavable pouches
- Flavored rice, rice mixes, or wild rice
- Frozen brown rice

## Cereal

Any combination of the following cereals not to exceed number of ounces on WIC benefit. *Every store may not carry all WIC approved foods/brands.* 



12-36 oz packages ONLY

## **GENERAL MILLS**



Chex (Corn, Rice, Wheat, Blueberry, or Cinnamon)



Cheerios (Multigrain or Plain)



Kix (Berry, Honey, or Plain)



Total Whole Grain Wheat



Corn Flakes



Frosted Mini Wheats Original (Bite Size or Little Bites)

## **KELLOGG'S**



Rice Krispies (Original)



Special K (Banana, Honey Almond, Original, or Original Multi-Grain)

## Cereal

## MOM'S (MALT-O-MEAL)



Crispy Rice



Mini Spooners (Frosted or Strawberry Cream)



Oat Blenders (with Honey or with Almonds)

### POST





Grape-Nut Flakes

Grape-Nuts



Honey Bunches of Oats (Honey Roasted, Vanilla, or with Almonds)

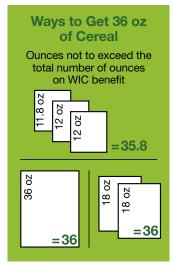
## QUAKER



Life (Original)



Oatmeal Squares (Hint of Brown Sugar, Cinnamon, Golden Maple, or Honey Nut)



## Cereal

## **HOT CEREAL**

11.8-36 oz packages ONLY

## **B & G FOODS**





Cream of Wheat Original (Instant, 1-minute, or 2½ minute)

Cream of Wheat Whole Grain 21/2 minute

## MOM'S (MALT-O-MEAL)



Quick Cooking Hot Wheat Cereal (Original, Chocolate, or Coco Wheats)



Cream of Rice

## JIM DANDY



Quick or Original Grits



Instant Oatmeal (Original flavor **ONLY** – individual packets)

### **QUAKER**



Instant Grits (Original flavor **ONLY** – individual packets, quick, or regular)

Quaker **individual packets** of instant oatmeal is a cereal choice, **NOT** a whole grain choice.

## Fruits & Vegetables

The Cash Value Benefit (CVB) is for the purchase of fresh, frozen, or canned fruits and vegetables. Purchases can be made for greater than the dollar amount on the CVB, but you must pay the difference.

#### **Choose Any Brand**

### FRESH OR FROZEN

### ALLOWED

- Regular or Organic
- Any brand, variety, or size

#### **\* NOT ALLOWED**

- Added fats, oils, sugars, syrups, artificial sweeteners, meats, pastas, rice, or other grains
- Fresh or dried herbs and spices (example: cilantro, mint, or parsley)
- Fruit baskets, party trays/platters with dressings/dips, or salad bar
- Nuts, fruit and nut mixtures, dried fruits and vegetables

- Salad mixtures
- May be whole, cut, bagged, or packaged
- Ornamental or decorative fruits or vegetables (example: chili peppers, garlic on a string, gourds or painted pumpkins)
- Salad kits with dressing or other added food items
- With breading, creams, sauces, or special seasoning

## CANNED, GLASS JARS, AND PLASTIC CONTAINERS

### ALLOWED

- Regular or Organic
- Any brand, variety, or size
- Canned fruit must contain only fruit, be packed in water or fruit juice, and may be in individual fruit cups
- Canned vegetables must contain only vegetables, may be with or without salt, and may have added herbs, seasonings, or spices

#### **\* NOT ALLOWED**

- Added fats, oils, sugars, syrups, artificial sweeteners, meats, pastas, rice, or other grains
- Fruit with added sugar or salt
- Mixed vegetables with legumes/ beans

- Applesauce with no sugar added and applesauce/fruit blends with no sugar added
- Tomato sauce, tomato paste, whole tomatoes, crushed tomatoes, or diced tomatoes
- Canned beans and peas such as green peas, green beans, wax beans, snap beans, and snap peas
- Pickled vegetables (example: pickles, olives, sauerkraut, banana peppers)
- Creamed vegetables (example: creamed corn, creamed spinach)
- Salsa or Ketchup

Canned beans are a legumes/beans choice and not deducted from your CVB.

## Juices

Every store may not carry all WIC approved foods/brands. Least expensive brand at time of purchase

Juice: good or bad? Small amounts of WIC juice are a good source of Vitamin C. Children under the age of 5 years should not have more than 4 ounces of juice per day.

#### **ALLOWED**

Any brand

Health Bite

- 100% Fruit Juice
- 100% Tomato or Vegetable Juice
- Added calcium

#### **X NOT ALLOWED**

- Added sugars or fiber
- Fruit and Vegetable blends
- Glass bottles
- Infant or baby juices
- Juice cocktails
- Flavored fruit juice drinks, sports drinks, or ades

### JUICES FOR CHILDREN

64 oz single strength 100% juice. May choose shelf-stable or refrigerated juices.

Any combination of flavors within the

STORE BRAND

> 64 oz Plastic Bottle

64 oz

**STORE** 

BRAND

Carton

### JUICES FOR WOMEN

Any combination of flavors within the frozen concentrate or single strength 100% juice.



11-12 oz Frozen



46-48 oz Can



46-48 oz Plastic Bottle

| Household Number               |
|--------------------------------|
| State ID Number                |
| ARKANSAS                       |
| Local Health Unit Information: |
|                                |

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