



MICHIGAN WIC

FOOD GUIDE

Healthy Habits Healthy Families













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- Starting Your Infant on Solid Foods
- Make Meals & Snacks Simple
- Secrets For Feeding Picky Eaters



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This counts as your nutrition education!

Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

* Choose lower priced foods

Organic allowed

- Your WIC Shopping List shows your cash value benefit amount (\$\$\$)
- If your fruit and vegetable purchase total is more than your benefit amount, you can pay the difference

ALLOWED

- Any variety fresh fruit or vegetable without added sweetener or fat
- May be whole, cut, bagged or packaged

X NOT ALLOWED

- Pre-cut fruits and vegetables with added preservatives (for example: sliced apples with ascorbic acid)
- Ornamental or decorative fruits or vegetables such as chili peppers or garlic on a string, gourds or painted pumpkins
- · Salad kits with dressing or other added food items
- Herbs, spices, edible blossoms or flowers
- Fruit or vegetable party trays/platters
- Fruits or vegetables from salad bars
- Fruit and nut mixtures
- Fruit baskets

Health Bite

Eat fruits and vegetables and your kids will too. They learn from watching you.

- Share the adventure. Shop together and let your child choose.
- Fix them together. Teach your child to tear lettuce or add vegetable toppings to pizza.
- Eat together. Enjoy new fruits and vegetables at meals and snacks.
- **Take it with you.** Show your child how fruit is a great snack to eat at the park or in the shopping mall. Put apples, oranges or bananas in your bag for quick snacks.

Whole Grains

Your choices for whole grains are: brown rice, oatmeal, whole wheat or corn tortillas, pasta, whole wheat or whole grain breads and buns.

For every 1 LB of whole grain listed on your Shopping List, you can buy...

- 1 loaf bread, or
- 1 package buns, or
- 1 package tortillas, or
- 1 package pasta, or
- 1 container oatmeal, or
- 1 bag/box brown rice (14-16 oz)

🛞 Whole grain options with this symbol are gluten free.

Oatmeal

* Choose lower priced foods

16 oz container = 1 LB



Kroger Simple Truth Old Fashioned Oats



Malt-O-Meal Mom's Best Naturals Old Fashioned Oats



Malt-O-Meal Mom's Best Naturals Ouick Oats



Our Family Old Fashioned Oats



Our Family Quick Oats

These oatmeals are a whole grain choice, **NOT** a cereal choice.

Brown Rice

* Choose lower priced foods

16 oz bag = 1 LB

- 14-16 oz bag/box = 1 LB
- 28-32 oz bag/box = 2 LB

ALLOWED

- Plain, dry brown rice without added herbs, seasonings or beans
- Regular, instant and boil-in-bag type



No organic allowed



- X NOT ALLOWED

- White rice, frozen brown rice
- Flavored rice, wild rice, rice mixes
- Bulk, tubs, microwavable pouches
- Specialty brands, like Lundberg

No organic allowed

Whole Wheat Pasta

* Choose lower priced foods

16 oz package = 1 LB

ALLOWED

- Whole Wheat/Whole Grain ONLY
- Any shape such as elbows, penne, rotini, spaghetti and spirals

X NOT ALLOWED

- Pasta with added sugar, fats, oils or salts
- Pasta made from rice, guinoa, flax, corn or vegetables

These brands and types ONLY



Organic allowed



Breads

* Choose lower priced foods

No organic allowed

16 oz loaf = 1 LB

These brands and types ONLY



Aunt Millie's Healthy Goodness Whole Grain White



Aunt Millie's Swirl Whole Grain Raisin with Cinnamon



Aunt Millie's Swirl Whole Grain Cinnamon, No Raisins



Aunt Millie's Healthy Goodness 100% Whole Wheat



Best Choice 100% Whole Wheat



Bimbo 100% Whole Wheat



Bunny 100% Whole Wheat



Family Choice 100% Whole Wheat



Hearth Oven Bakers 100% Whole Wheat



Kroger 100% Whole Wheat



Meijer Whole Grain White



Meijer 100% Whole Wheat



Nickles Country Style 100% Whole Wheat



Our Family 100% Whole Wheat



Pepperidge Farm Jewish Rye Whole Grain Rye Seeded



Pepperidge Farm Light Style Soft Wheat



Pepperidge Farm Stone Ground 100% Whole Wheat



Sara Lee 100% Whole Wheat



Pepperidge Farm Swirl 100% Whole Wheat Cinnamon with Raisins



Pepperidge Farm Very Thin Sliced Soft 100% Whole Wheat



Soft and Good 100% Whole Wheat



Roman Meal Sungrain

100% Whole Wheat



Spartan 100% Whole Wheat



Spartan Whole Grain White



Shurfresh 100% Whole Wheat

Sterns Kosher 100% Whole Wheat



Sunbeam 100% Whole Wheat



Village Hearth 100% Whole Wheat

Buns

* Choose lower priced foods

16 oz package = 1 LB

These brands and types ONLY



Brownberrv 100% Whole Wheat Hamburger Rolls



Hearth Oven Bakers 100% Whole Wheat Hamburger Buns



Brownberrv 100% Whole Wheat Hot Dog Rolls

Hearth Oven Bakers

100% Whole Wheat

Hot Dog Buns

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Healthy Life 100% Whole Wheat Sandwich Buns



Healthy Life 100% Whole Wheat Hot Dog Buns



No organic allowed

Tortillas

* Choose lower priced foods

No organic allowed

16 oz package = 1 LB

• These brands and types ONLY



Best Choice Whole Wheat Soft Taco Size 12 count



Don Marcos White Corn 18 count



Hacienda Whole Wheat Flour 12 count



La Banderita Whole Wheat Soft Taco 10 count



Best Choice Corn Taco Size 24 count



Great Value Whole Wheat Flour 10 count



Kroger Whole Wheat Soft Taco Size 10 count



La Banderita Corn 18 count

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Chi Chi's Whole Wheat Fajita Style 8 count



Hacienda Corn Maiz 18 count



La Banderita Whole Wheat Fajita 16 count



La Banderita Corn 14 count



Meijer Soft Taco Whole Wheat 8 count



Mission Whole Wheat Fajita Style 16 count



ShurFine Whole Wheat Fajita Style 8 count



Tortillas Tita Corn 18 count



Mission Yellow Corn Extra Thin 24 count



Ortega Whole Wheat 10 count



Spartan Whole Wheat Fajita Style 8 count



Tortillas Tita Corn Enchilada Style 18 count



Mission Whole Wheat 10 count



ShurFine White Corn 18 count



Tio Santi Whole Wheat 10 count



Give yourself and those you love the goodness of whole grains.

Make at least half of the grains you eat whole grains. WIC whole grains, such as bread, tortillas and pasta can help you maintain a healthy weight and are good for your overall health.

Cold Cereals

* Choose lower priced foods

All WIC cereals provide a good source of iron

- Cereals with this symbol provide 100% of the Recommended Dietary Allowance for folic acid
- Cereals with this symbol are made with whole grains and are a good source of fiber

- (§) Cereals with this symbol are gluten free
- These brands and flavors ONLY

General Mills



Cheerios Multi Grain 16 oz or larger



Cheerios Plain 16 oz or larger



Chex Corn 12 oz or larger



Chex Rice 12 oz or larger

Kellogg's -



Chex Wheat 12 oz or larger



Dora the Explorer 16 oz or larger



Kix Plain 16 oz or larger



Corn Flakes Plain 16 oz or larger



Mini-Wheats Frosted Original 16 oz or larger



Mini-Wheats Unfrosted 16 oz or larger



Rice Krispies 16 oz or larger



Special K Original 16 oz or larger

No organic allowed

Malt-O-Meal



Crispy Rice 16 oz or larger

Notices States

Mini Spooners Blueberry 16 oz or larger



Mini Spooners Frosted 16 oz or larger



Mini Spooners Strawberry Cream 16 oz or larger

Post -



Bran Flakes 16 oz or larger



Great Grains Banana Nut Crunch 12 oz or larger



Honey Bunches of Oats Almonds 16 oz or larger



Honey Bunches of Oats Cinnamon Bunches 16 oz or larger



Honey Bunches of Oats Honey Roasted 16 oz or larger



Honey Bunches of Oats Whole Grain Honey Crunch 16 oz or larger



Honey Bunches of Oats Whole Grain Vanilla Bunches 16 oz or larger

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Life Original 16 oz or larger

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Cold Cereals

* Choose lower priced foods

No organic allowed

Quaker (continued)



Oatmeal Squares Brown Sugar 12 oz or larger

Store Brands: 11 oz or larger

Best Choice

- Centrella
- Essential Everyday
- Great Value
- Hy-Top
- IGA
- Kiggins
- Kroger
- Meijer
- Nature's Crunch
- Our Family
- Parade
- ShurFine
- Spartan



Oatmeal Squares Cinnamon 12 oz or larger



Oatmeal Squares Golden Maple 12 oz or larger



Oatmeal Squares Honey Nut 12 oz or larger







Frosted Shredded Wheat



Toasted Oats Plain and Multigrain

Ways to buy up to 36 oz of hot and cold cereals

You may combine cereals up to a total of 36 ounces per month.

| 18 oz 18 oz | 12 oz 12 oz 12 oz | 11.8 oz 24 oz | 15.8 oz 16 oz |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| | 12 oz | | |
| 18 oz | 12 oz | 11.8 oz | 15.8 oz |
| + 18 oz | + 12 oz | + 24.0 oz | + 16.0 oz |
| 36 oz | 36 oz | 35.8 oz | 31.8 oz |

Hot Cereals

* Choose lower priced foods

No organic allowed

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These brands and flavors ONLY



COCO Wheats 11 oz or larger



Cream of Rice Original Instant Individual Packets 11 oz or larger



Cream of Wheat Original & Whole Grain Instant Individual Packets: Original & Whole Grain 11 oz or larger



Malt-O-Meal Original & Chocolate Flavor 11 oz or larger

CEREALS



Maypo Instant Oatmeal *ONLY* 11 oz or larger



Quaker Instant Grits Original & Butter Flavor Individual Packets ONLY 11 oz or larger



Quaker Instant Oatmeal Original Flavor Individual Packets ONLY 11 oz or larger



Store Brand Instant Oatmeal

Regular Flavor Individual Packets **ONLY:** America's Choice, Essential Everyday, Great Value, Hy-Top, IGA, Kroger, Meijer, Our Family, Parade, Roundy's, ShurFine, Spartan 11 oz or larger



Breakfast Starts the Day Strong!

Eating breakfast gives you and your child energy. Without breakfast, you and your child may feel hungry, making it hard to focus and learn.

Let them help you plan breakfast and set the table!

Breastfeeding

Every Ounce Counts

Breastfeeding is convenient!

Always ready, no bottles or mixing required.

Exclusively breastfeeding mothers and their babies receive extra food benefits.

Moms have the right to breastfeed their children anytime, anywhere. **It is the law in Michigan.**

Miracle Park, Southfield

Tridge, Midland



Marquette Harbor Lighthouse, Marquette

Mackinac Bridge, St. Ignace

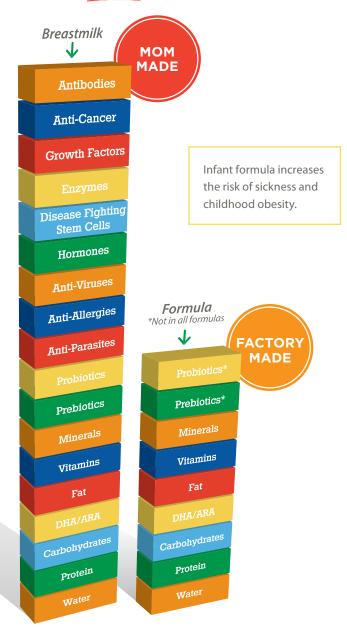
What WIC Clients Say About Breastfeeding...

"As a new mom, I was scared and had lots of questions, but talking to a peer counselor made me feel confident about breastfeeding."

"It was a way to be closer to my daughter when I went back to work."

"My partner supported me by getting the baby ready and making me comfortable."

Breastmilk has more of what baby needs



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

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Infant Cereals

* Choose lower priced foods

8 oz or 16 oz container

ALLOWED

- Any brand
- Dry infant cereal WITHOUT fruit, formula or DHA/ARA
- CHOOSE ONLY: barley, corn, mixed grain, multigrain, oatmeal, rice, whole wheat



Infant Fruits & Vegetables

* Choose lower priced foods

No organic allowed

- For infants 6 through 11 months ONLY
- These brands ONLY









\star not allowed

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

ALLOWED

- 4 oz glass jars or plastic tubs ONLY (multipacks allowed)
- Any variety single fruit or vegetable (example: apple sauce or sweet peas)
- Any variety mixed fruits and/or vegetables (example: apples and bananas, mixed vegetables, sweet potatoes and apples)

No organic allowed

Infant Meats

* Choose lower priced foods

- ONLY for breastfeeding infants 6 through 11
 months who are NOT receiving formula from WIC
- These brands ONLY

ALLOWED

- 2.5 oz containers ONLY
- Single meat varieties **ONLY**, with broth or gravy

No organic allowed









X NOT ALLOWED

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





Be sure your infant is ready to eat foods.

To eat foods, your infant must be able to:

- Sit and hold her head steady
- · Show he wants food by opening his mouth
- · Show she doesn't want food by closing her mouth or turning her head

Bean & Peanut Butter Choices:



If your Shopping List shows:

1 JAR 16-180ZPNUTBTR,LB DRY,15-160ZCN BEAN

you can buy...



16 oz package dry beans, lentils or peas



16-18 oz jar peanut butter



4 cans 15-16 oz beans or peas

Beans, Lentils & Peas

* Choose lower priced foods

No organic allowed

ALLOWED DRY

• 16 oz (1 LB) package

• Barzi beans

X NOT ALLOWED DRY

• Dry beans with seasoning packets





ALLOWED CANNED



- 15-16 oz can
- Brands Always Save, Best Choice, Bush's, Centrella, Essential Everyday, Goya, Great Value, Halstead Acres, Hy-Top, IGA, Joan of Arc, Kroger, La Preferida, Lucky, Meijer, Ortega, Our Family, Progresso, ShurFine, Spartan, ValuTime, Wylwood
- Low sodium of any allowed brand

X NOT ALLOWED CANNED

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lentils

- Beans with added fat, oil, meat
- Baked beans
- Pork and beans
- Chili beans
- Refried beans
- Green beans
- Snap beans
- Wax beans
- Yellow beans
- Green peas
- Sweet peas

Peanut Butter

* Choose lower priced foods

ALLOWED

- 16-18 oz jar
- Smooth, creamy, crunchy, extra crunchy



No organic allowed

X NOT ALLOWED

- Specialty brands, like Arrow Head Mills, Fifty50
- Peanut butter mixed with jelly, marshmallow, honey, chocolate or other flavorings
- Reduced fat peanut butter
- Peanut spread
- Peanut butter with DHA or Omega 3

Your kids learn from watching you enjoy healthy foods.

Teach how foods help them learn, grow and be strong.

• Fresh fruits and vegetables help them fight sickness and stay fit.

Health Bite

- Whole grains give them energy to grow and learn.
- Milk makes their bones and teeth strong.
- Beans and peanut butter give them healthy blood and strong muscles.

Canned Fish

* Choose lower priced foods



No organic allowed

- \times NOT ALLOWED

- Albacore tuna
- Low sodium tuna or salmon
- Foil packages or pouches
- Lunch packs, lunch kits
- Chunk white tuna
- Tuna with seasoning
- Prime or smoked salmon fillets

Milk

* Choose lower priced foods

ALLOWED

- Fat free milk (skim)
- Low fat milk (1/2%, 1%)
- Buttermilk

ALLOWED

Only if on your WIC Shopping List

- Reduced fat milk (2%)
- Whole milk
- Powdered milk (nonfat dry) 25.6 oz, 32 oz, 64 oz
- Evaporated milk (skim, 2%, whole)
- Lactose free milk (skim, 1%, 2%, whole)

No organic allowed

X NOT ALLOWED

- Chocolate or flavored milk
- Evaporated filled
- Nut or grain milk (like almond or rice)
- Guernsey
- Value added (Kid's Milk, Fairlife, Fit Milk, Over the Moon)
- Vitamite
- Glass bottles
- Unhomogenized
- UHT milk

If your Shopping List shows 'QT or Equiv,' use this guide.



Yogurt

* Choose lower priced foods

No organic allowed

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- 32 oz tubs
- 4 oz 4-pack (16 oz total)
- 4 oz 8-pack (32 oz total)

ALLOWED

- Nonfat or lowfat ONLY
- Plain or any flavor
- Fruit on the bottom

X NOT ALLOWED

- Whole milk yogurt
- Yogurts with separate mix-in items such as candy, granola or nuts
- Greek yogurt
- Artificial sweeteners (for example: aspartame, sucralose or saccharine)

Yogurt

PLAIN

- Yogurt in bottles (drinkable), tubes or pouches
- Activia





Cheese

* Choose lower priced foods

- See your WIC Shopping List for allowed maximum cheese price
- 16 oz (1 LB) ONLY
- U.S. made prepackaged cheese
- Low sodium and low fat cheese of any allowed type

ALLOWED

- Cheddar
- Colby
- Colby Jack (Cojack)
- Monterey Jack
- Mozzarella
- Muenster
- Provolone
- Swiss

Without individual wrapping:

- American
- String

X NOT ALLOWED

- Imported cheese
- Sliced cheese, except American
- Individually wrapped cheese slices (singles), sticks or strings
- Cheese foods (for example: Velveeta)
- Cheese products, whips or spreads
- Shredded, grated, cubed, crumbles, shapes or curds
- Smoked cheese or raw milk cheese
- Variety wheels or variety packs
- Cracker Backers or Stackers
- Cheese with pimento, peppers, seeds, meat, etc.
- Soy, farmer or goat cheese
- Fresh mozzarella

* Choose lower priced foods

1 dozen

ALLOWED

- Grade A or AA
- Medium or large
- White ONLY

X NOT ALLOWED

- Extra large or jumbo
- Free range, cage free, low cholesterol, Omega 3 or pasteurized
- Eggland's Best

No organic allowed



No organic allowed



Soy Beverage

* Choose lower priced foods

Organic allowed

ALLOWED only if your WIC Shopping List message is: **'QT or Equiv Soy Beverage'**

- 1 quart = 32 oz | 2 quarts = 64 oz
- These brands and flavors ONLY



8th Continent Original 32 & 64 oz (refrigerated)



8th Continent Vanilla 32 & 64 oz (refrigerated)



Silk Original 32 & 64 oz (refrigerated)



Pacific Natural Foods Ultra Soy Original 32 oz (shelf stable)



Pacific Natural Foods Ultra Soy Vanilla 32 oz (shelf stable)



Juices for Children

* Choose lower priced foods

No organic allowed

64 oz PLASTIC

100% Juice & 120% Vitamin C

Added calcium allowed



Store Brand Juice Any store brand fruit or vegetable juice



Everfresh Apple, Kiwi Strawberry, Orange



Campbell's Tomato Juice Regular, Low Sodium, Healthy Request



Indian Summer Apple Juice only

Old Orchard

Any flavor



Juicy Juice Any flavor



Welch's Grape Juice Grape, White Grape, Red Grape ONLY (added calcium is NOT ALLOWED for Welch's)

Is it one of the fruit or vegetable juices listed on these pages? Is it a **48 or 64 oz** container, or an **11.5 to 12 oz** concentrate?

Tips for choosing a

ls it **100%** juice?

WIC juice

Does it have at least **120%** Vitamin C?

| Nutrition Facts |
|---|
| Contains 100% Juice |
| Contains 100% Juice Serving Size 8 fl oz (240mL) Servings Per Container 8 |

| Amount Per Serving | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Calories 120 | Fat Cal. 0 |
| | % Daily Value * |
| Total Fat 0g | 0% |
| Cholesterol Og | 0% |
| Sodium 25mg | 1% |
| Potassium 280mg | 8% |
| Total Carb 29g | 10% |
| Sugars 27g | |
| Protein 0 | 0% |
| Vitamin A | 0% |
| Vitamin C | 120% |
| Calcium | 0% |
| Iron | 2% |

This **100%** juice example has **120%** Vitamin C; this item is allowed.

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Juices for Women

* Choose lower priced foods

No organic allowed

48 oz PLASTIC

100% Juice & 120% Vitamin C

Added calcium allowed



Store Brand Juice Any store brand fruit or vegetable juice



Juicy Juice Any flavor

Juice: good or bad?

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Health Bite

Small amounts of WIC juice are a good source of Vitamin C.

Be sure to eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables to get more fiber in your diet.

Frozen - 11.5 oz and 12 oz



Orange Juice Any brand



Grapefruit Juice Any brand or variety



Dole Any flavor



Old Orchard Any flavor with green peel strip



Welch's Any flavor with yellow peel strip

Non-Frozen - 11.5 oz



Welch's Any flavor with yellow band



WIC Shopping Tips

- Take your MI-WIC Shopping List with you.
- If you have already used some food benefits, print a balance inquiry at the store to see what you can purchase today.
- Make sure the foods you buy with your WIC Bridge Card are WIC authorized.
- Make sure the foods you buy are on your MI-WIC Shopping List.
- Product availability can vary by store. Not all items can be found in all areas of the state.
- If your fruit and vegetable purchase total is more than your benefit amount, you can pay the difference.
- Coupons and store promotions may be used with your WIC Bridge Card.
- Choosing lower priced foods helps reduce costs and serve more WIC clients.

About your MI WIC Bridge Card

- See your Michigan WIC Cardholder Training Brochure for important information.
- For problems, questions, or balance inquiries, call 1-888-678-8914 or visit https://www.connectebt.com/ebtcard/miwic/index.jsp.
- WIC foods cannot be purchased before the Starting Date or after midnight Eastern Standard Time on the Expiration Date of your WIC benefit period.



WIC Fraud is Serious

DON'T FALL FOR THE TRAP



BUYING, SELLING, OR TRADING WIC FOODS IS ILLEGAL!

If you buy, sell, or trade WIC foods, it could result in prosecution and/or disqualification from participating in the WIC Program. 1-800-CALL-WIC

wicfraudinvestigations@michigan.gov





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