

## Section III. Minimum Stocking Requirements

Retailers are required to stock certain authorized items at all times in sufficient quantities to meet participant demand. Specific Colorado WIC-authorized brands and sizes for the following items are as defined in the current *Allowable Foods List*:

<b>Minimum Stocking Requirements</b> All items must be WIC-authorized; waivers on specific items must be pre-approved.	
<u><b>Iron-Fortified Infant Formula</b></u> Milk-based contract brand: Powder Soy-based contract brand: Powder	<u><b>Infant Cereal</b></u> Approved brand Two flavors Size: 8-ounce box
<u><b>Infant Food- Fruits &amp; Vegetables</b></u> Approved brand Two flavors Size: 4-ounce jar	<u><b>Infant Food- Meats</b></u> Approved brand Two flavors Size: 2.5-ounce jar
<u><b>Cheese</b></u> Store brand Two flavors Size: one-pound (16-ounce) package	<u><b>Eggs</b></u> Grade A or AA white; small, medium, or large Size: dozens
<u><b>100% Fruit Juice</b></u> One store brand: orange juice Size: 12-oz frozen AND One approved brand: Any flavor Size: 64-ounce container (carton or bottle)	<u><b>Milk</b></u> Two varieties of fat content: Whole and either fat-free or 1% (Must include: whole) Size: gallon
<u><b>Cereal</b></u> Two cold cereals (Must include: one whole grain cereal) Size: any size (larger than single-serving)	<u><b>Peanut Butter</b></u> Any brand One variety Size: 18-ounce jar
<u><b>Beans</b></u> Two varieties Dry or canned (Must include: One dry) Size: 15 to 16-ounce canned	<u><b>Canned Fish</b></u> Two varieties Tuna, pink salmon or sardines (Must include: tuna in 5-ounce size)
<u><b>Fresh Fruits &amp; Fresh Vegetables</b></u> Fresh fruit - two varieties Fresh vegetables - two varieties Size: any size	<u><b>Whole Grains</b></u> Two varieties Bread, brown rice or corn tortillas (Must include: bread item in 16-ounce size)

### Number of Items/Minimum Quantity

Retailers with five or fewer cash registers must stock a minimum of five food items within each food category (except formula) listed on the stocking requirements. For example, small retailers must stock at least five pounds of cheese, five boxes of cereal, etc. (Variety requirements still apply.) The exception is formula. A minimum of 10 cans of formula—for both the milk-based and soy-based—must be stocked unless a waiver is approved.

Retailers with six or more cash registers must stock a minimum of 10 items within each food category (except formula). For example, larger stores must stock 10 pounds of cheese, 10 boxes of cereal, etc. (Variety requirements still apply.) The exception is formula. A minimum of 20 cans of formula—for both the milk-based and soy-based—must be stocked unless a waiver is approved.

PLEASE NOTE: Formula or food items that are found to be out of date (i.e., past the “use by” date) will not be counted as inventory in surveys of minimum stocking.

### Failure to Maintain Required Items

Failure to meet stocking requirements leads to sanctions and/or agreement termination.

### Exemptions

Farmers and pharmacies are exempt from certain minimum food stocking requirements listed in this section. Agreements and/or the Farmer Handbook specify their requirements. Colorado WIC may provide an exemption to specific retailers (e.g., commissaries and retailers that primarily provide kosher items) from the requirement of the provision of store brand items and/or certain package sizes.

### Stocking Waiver

Retailers may request a *Minimum Stocking Waiver Form* (Exhibit E) for an exemption from stocking infant items (i.e., infant formula, infant cereal and infant food) required by the minimum WIC foods stocking requirements. Colorado WIC shall grant a waiver when:

- There has been no documented WIC sale of the specific item within the last 3 months;
- LA WIC staff certify that there are no WIC families currently using the specific item; and
- The retailer guarantees that upon request by a participant or state or local WIC staff, the item will be made available within 24-72 hours at which time the waiver will be void.

### Rain Checks Prohibited

**Please note:** The issuance of rain checks for WIC foods is prohibited. Retailers that charge for WIC supplemental food not received by the WIC shopper are subject to a three year disqualification from Colorado WIC.