



## WIC VENDORS' UPDATE – GROCERY STORE EDITION November 2012

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### Federal Year End Reporting Requirements for WIC Checks

Please act on any WIC checks with a "First Date to Use" of September 30, 2012 or before by November 20, 2012 or before

- If you have any problem WIC checks with a "First Date to Use" of September 30, 2012 or before, that need to be reviewed, they must be sent to your local agency WIC vendor manager by **November 20, 2012** or before for review and possible payment.
- Remember, it is required to include the detailed cash register receipt or an electronic journal entry of the transaction when sending problem WIC checks to your local agency WIC vendor manager.
- If you have any WIC checks with a "First Date to Use" of September 30, 2012 or before, they must be through the banking system by November 30, 2012 or before.
- This is necessary so that the State WIC office meets our federal year end reporting requirement.

**Reminder for all WIC checks:** Important that you deposit WIC checks in a timely fashion.

- Any WIC check has to be through the banking system by 60 days from the "First Date to Use" in order to be paid. This is a 60 day window for payment.
- If you have any WIC checks returned from the bank they also have this 60 day window for payment.
- If you have any questions about any problem WIC check, please contact your local agency WIC vendor manager to discuss.



## Nebraska WIC Approved Food Changes

Changes to Foods Effective October 1, 2012

### NEW FOODS ADDED

#### **Cold Cereals Added**

General Mills Dora the Explorer  
Kellogg's Frosted Mini Wheats – Big Bite  
Kellogg's Frosted Mini Wheats – Little Bites  
Kellogg's Frosted Mini Wheats – Touch of Fruit Mixed Berry  
Kellogg's Frosted Mini Wheats – Touch of Fruit Raspberry  
Malt-O-Meal Mini Spooners Blueberry  
Post Grape-Nuts Flakes  
Post Shredded Wheat Honey Nut  
Post Shredded Wheat Lightly Frosted  
Always Save Crisp Rice  
Always Save Frosted Shredded Wheat  
Great Value Crunchy Honey Oats  
Great Value Multi-Grain Flakes  
Great Value Toasted Corn  
Great Value Crunchy Oat Squares  
Great Value Toasted Rice  
Great Value Toasted Wheat  
Hy-Vee Oats & More with Almonds  
Hy-Vee Toasted Corn  
Hy-Vee Toasted Rice  
Kroger Bran Flakes  
Kroger Corn Bitz  
Kroger Rice Bitz  
Our Family Corn Biscuits  
Our Family Strawberry Cream Frosted Bite Size Shredded Wheat  
Our Family Wheat Biscuits  
Safeway Kitchens Bite Size Frosted Shredded Wheat  
Safeway Kitchens Bran Flakes  
Safeway Kitchens Corn Flakes  
Safeway Kitchens Live It Up!  
Shurfine Oat Wise

#### **Hot Cereals Added**

Better Oats Good 'n hearty Instant Oatmeal Apple Cinnamon  
Better Oats Good 'n hearty Instant Oatmeal Classic  
Oats Good 'n hearty Instant Oatmeal Maple Brown Sugar  
Kroger Original Instant Oatmeal



## **NEW FOODS ADDED...(Continued)**

### **100% Whole Wheat Bread Added - 16 oz. Loaf**

Oroweat 100% Whole Wheat Bread

### **Tortillas Added - 16 oz. Size**

Buena Vida Whole Grain  
Herdez Corn/Maiz  
Herdez Whole Wheat

La Victoria Whole Wheat  
Mama Lupe's Whole Wheat  
Mama Lupe's Corn

### **Bottled Juice Added - 64 oz.**

Motts Apple Juice  
Nestle Juicy Juice Mango  
Nestle Juicy Juice Tropical  
Old Orchard Acai Pomegranate  
Old Orchard Cherry Pomegranate  
Old Orchard 100% Orange  
Best Choice Fruit Punch Blend  
Best Choice Grapefruit  
Best Choice Pineapple  
Hy-Vee 100% Apple  
Hy-Vee Apple with Calcium  
Hy-Vee Just Juice Apple  
Hy-Vee Just Juice Berry  
Hy-Vee Just Juice Cherry  
Hy-Vee Just Juice Fruit Punch  
Hy-Vee Just Juice Grape  
Hy-Vee White Grape  
IGA 100% Apple Juice Fresh Pressed  
IGA White Grape  
Great Value Apple  
Great Value Grape 100%  
Great Value White Grape Peach  
Great Value Vegetable

Kroger Berry  
Kroger Fruit Punch  
Market Pantry Berry 100%  
Market Pantry Punch 100%  
Our Family Apple Juice Fresh Pressed  
Our Family Pink Grapefruit  
Safeway Apple 100%  
Safeway Cider Apple  
Safeway Cranberry 100%  
Safeway Cranberry Grape 100%  
Safeway Cranberry Raspberry 100%  
Safeway Orange 100%  
Safeway White Grapefruit  
Safeway Vegetable 100%  
Safeway Vegetable Low Sodium  
Shurfine Apple  
Shurfine White Grape  
Harvest Classic Apple  
Great Value Cranberry 100%  
Great Value Cranberry Grape 100%  
Great Value White Grape 100%  
Great Value Tomato

### **Soy Milk Added - ½ Gallon Container**

8<sup>th</sup> Continent Soy Vanilla Flavor

Lucerne Original Soymilk

### **Baby Food Added - Fruit & Vegetable Purees**

Single 4 ounce - Mom to Mom

Two Pack 3.5 ounce - Gerber

**Complete listings are found in your Nebraska WIC Vendor Handbook and Approved Food List Booklet provided to you at the WIC Contract Training session in September.**



## Nebraska WIC Approved Food Changes

### Foods to Be Removed December 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Cold Cereals Removed

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Quaker Life                                  | Hy-Vee Honey Oats & Flakes<br>with Almonds   |
| Quaker Oatmeal Squares Cinnamon              | IGA Crispy Rice                              |
| Quaker Squares Hint of Brown Sugar           | IGA Honey Oats & Flakes                      |
| Best Choice Crisp Rice                       | IGA Nutty Nuggets                            |
| Best Choice Bran Flakes                      | IGA Tasteos                                  |
| Best Choice Frosted Shredded Wheat Bite Size | Our Family Crispy Rice                       |
| Best Choice Honey Oat Clusters               | Shurfine Crispy Rice                         |
| Best Choice Honey Oat Clusters with Almonds  | Shurfine Honey Oats & Flakes<br>With Almonds |
| Best Choice Nutty Nuggets                    |  |

#### Hot Cereals Removed

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Malt-O-Meal Creamy Hot Wheat         | Hy-Vee Instant Oatmeal<br>Regular Flavor |
| Great Value Original Instant Oatmeal |  |

#### Tortillas 16 oz. Size Removed

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Best Choice Corn | Carlita Whole Wheat |
| Carlita Corn     |                     |

#### Bottled Juice 64 oz. – Removed

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Nestle Juicy Juice Apple Banana | Kroger Cranberry Peach     |
| Best Choice Punch               | Kroger Cranberry Raspberry |
| Kroger Blueberry                | Our Family Grape Blend     |
| Kroger Cranberry Grape          | Our Family White Grape     |

#### Pourable Concentrate Juice 11.5 oz. – Removed

|                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Welch's Cherry Sensation     | Welch's White Grape |
| Welch's Strawberry Raspberry | Welch's Wild Berry  |

#### Frozen Concentrate Juice 12 oz. – Removed

|                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Seneca Apple      | Market Pantry Apple w/Vitamin C |
| Tree Top Apple    | Market Pantry Pineapple         |
| Best Choice Grape | Market Pantry Pineapple Orange  |

#### Transition Time...

- The new foods were effective October 1<sup>st</sup> & should be added to your scanning system.
- Do not remove any foods from your scanning system until December 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Fruit & Vegetable Check Transaction

- Effective May 1, 2012 the WIC shopper has had the option to pay the amount over with the fruit & vegetable check transaction.
- The fruit & vegetable check is the only check with a dollar amount.
- If a value **greater than the dollar amount** of the check is entered in the "Purchase Amount" space on the check, the check will be **rejected** by the WIC banking system.
- The number of fruit and vegetable checks rejected for over the dollar amount has increased since we began allowing the split tender.
- **ACTION NEEDED:** Review with all your staff that the purchase amount is for the amount of the produce **UP TO** the dollar amount of the check.

***IF a value greater than the dollar amount of the check is entered, the check will be rejected by the WIC banking system.***

- ✓ **Reminder:** The fruit & vegetable check must also be valid (within date range), requires the WIC shopper's signature, and your vendor number stamp.
- ✓ If you have any questions or would like cashier training please contact your local agency WIC vendor manager or the State WIC staff at 402-471-2781.

### Upcoming WIC EBT Vendor Survey

- ✚ Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) is coming to Nebraska WIC.
- ✚ A first step is to gather information from you, the WIC retailer.
- ✚ A survey will be sent to you shortly via e-mail or mail.
- ✚ Thank you in advance for completing the survey.
- ✚ If you have any questions as we move toward WIC EBT please contact us at 402-471-2781.

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