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**Wisconsin WIC List Updates: Whole Grain Rich Foods and Cereals (ALL)**

The Wisconsin WIC list of approved foods was revised effective November 1, 2022. As a result, the following CACFP resources have been updated:

- [Wisconsin WIC Approved Whole Grains](#): Products listed on this resource meet CACFP whole grain rich criteria.
- [CACFP Reference Guide](#): The WIC Approved Cereals list has been updated. All cereals meet CACFP sugar limits. Cereals notated with an asterisk (\*) next to the name of the cereal meet CACFP whole grain rich criteria.

### **CACFP Menu Checklist: Meal Pattern and Menu Documentation Requirements *Applicable to ALL but School Food Authorities (SFA) operating At-Risk following the NSLP meal pattern.***

Programs are encouraged to use the [Menu Checklist](#) when planning menus to ensure CACFP meal pattern and menu documentation requirements are met. Programs that have cycle menus are also encouraged to refer to the Menu Checklist periodically to verify menus continue to meet CACFP requirements.

CACFP menu requirements are met when:

- All required components and creditable foods are served at each meal and snack.
- Daily requirements, such as serving at least one whole grain rich item each day, are met.
- Menus include all required documentation, such as notating whole grain rich items and documenting the types of milk served (fat content by age group).
- Product documentation is on file for breakfast cereals, yogurt, whole grain rich foods, tofu, and store-bought combination food items/processed meats.

### **Crediting Processed Meat/ Meat Alternates (ALL)**

The Community Nutrition Team would like to remind programs about the documentation requirements for crediting processed meat/meat alternate food items to all Child Nutrition Programs.

The following processed meat/meat alternate foods require a Child Nutrition (CN) Label or Product Formulation Statement (PFS). If a CN Label or PFS cannot be obtained, do not serve the item as part of a reimbursable meal.

- Liverwurst
- Meat analogs (veggie burgers, breakfast links, textured vegetable protein crumbles)
- Meat/poultry sticks (not dried or semi-dried)

- Pepperoni (traditional, turkey)
- Polish sausage
- Salami
- Dried and semi-dried meat, poultry, and seafood snacks, shelf-stable, such as jerky or summer sausage
- Soy cheese/Soy products (soy sausage, veggie burgers)
- Tofu products (links, sausages)
- Turkey bacon

The following processed meat/meat alternate foods do not require a CN Label or PFS when the ingredients are 100% creditable meat ingredients (may contain salt and seasoning).

- Beef patties
- Bologna
- Hot dogs
- Vienna sausage

If those items contain binders/extenders, fillers, byproducts, or cereals it is not 100% meat and is only creditable with a CN label or PFS. If a CN Label or PFS cannot be obtained, do not serve the item as part of a reimbursable meal.

Processed meat/meat alternates and documentation requirements for crediting these items to the meal pattern can be found in the [USDA Crediting Handbook for CACFP](#) and DPI's [CACFP Creditable and Non-Creditable Foods Guide](#).

### **Product Clarification: Honey Cheerios vs. Honey Nut Cheerios (ALL)**

It was recently announced that General Mills, Inc. will be coming out with a new cereal product called Honey Cheerios. This cereal will contain six grams of sugar in every 28 grams serving. Therefore, Honey Cheerios will be creditable in the CACFP because it is within CACFP cereal sugar limit. However, the Community Nutrition Team would like to clarify that Honey Cheerios should not be mistaken for Honey Nut Cheerios. Honey Nut Cheerios are not creditable in the CACFP because it exceeds CACFP cereal sugar limits.

Additionally, Honey Cheerios may only be available to purchase from a food distribution company and not be commonly available in stores. Contact your [assigned consultant](#) with any questions.

Refer to the [CACFP Reference Guide](#) (which can also be found on the [Guidance Memorandum \(GM\) webpage](#) under GM 12: Meal Requirements 1-18 Years / GM L: Meal Requirements 1-12 Years for FDCH for additional information on determining if cereals are within CACFP sugar limits.

## **Sponsoring Organization Reminder: 2022 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report Due (SO)**

If your agency participated in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) with two or more sites you should have submitted all four quarters of your CACFP Financial Report for the 2022 program year (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022). The last quarterly report for the reporting period of July 1 - September 30, 2021) was due on December 1, 2022. If you have not yet submitted this report, do so as soon as possible. Instructions can be found here [Quarterly Financial Report](#).

*This requirement is not for Independent Centers that only have one site on the CACFP. Those agencies should have already filed their annual financial report for 2022 which was due November 1.*

## **Virtual Instructor-Led Trainings (VILTs) Winter Sessions 2023 (ALL)**

Start off the new year in 2023 with [FREE](#) virtual training sessions from the Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN)! Topics are available for school nutrition professionals and Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP) operators. Many topics are scheduled for new child nutrition directors, and the list also includes lessons from Introduction to School Nutrition Leadership (ISNL) and Food Safety in Schools.

## **Team Nutrition Network Retirement (ALL)**

The Team Nutrition Network, the online database of contact information for [Team Nutrition Child and Adult Care Food Program \(CACFP\) Organizations](#), will be retired in two phases. By the end of December 2022, Team Nutrition will stop collecting new and updated enrollments. By June 30, 2023, the Team Nutrition CACFP Organizations website will be retired and the information will no longer be available online.

The Team Nutrition initiative will continue its important work in supporting Child Nutrition Programs, which includes access to the main [Team Nutrition](#) website. Current Team Nutrition CACFP Organizations do not need to take any action. You will continue to receive email updates from Team Nutrition through GovDelivery. To check your subscription, please visit the [GovDelivery](#) website. In addition, you will still have the ability to order printed copies of Team Nutrition materials and promotional items through the [Team Nutrition Order Form](#). If you have any questions about the retirement of the Team Nutrition Network, please reach out to [TeamNutrition@USDA.gov](mailto:TeamNutrition@USDA.gov).

## Now Available! Test your whole grain knowledge with Team Nutrition's latest web quiz! (ALL)

The *Whole Grains Quiz* is comprised of 10 self-paced questions and provides feedback for correct and incorrect answer choices. The user may retake the quiz or retry questions as many times as desired. This quiz was developed to be a fun approach to support information found in the updated [Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs](#), [Crediting Handbook for Child and Adult Care Food Program](#), and [Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#). Take the [Whole Grain Quiz](#) today.

This quiz is the newest addition to [Team Nutrition web quizzes](#) that cover a variety of nutrition topics. These short quizzes can be used for self-paced knowledge assessments, at training, or other nutrition events as a fun and engaging learning activity. Upon completion of each quiz, quiz takers receive a score along with a link to resources that can help expand their knowledge on the topic and build their nutrition skills. Each quiz is also available as a widget, so they can be easily embedded and displayed on other web pages to support training.

## The Community Nutrition Team would like to wish you a wonderful holiday season!



REMINDER: Claim Submission Deadlines: Federal regulations impose a claim submission deadline of 60 calendar days after the last day of the month for which the claim applies. For DPI's CACFP Claim Submission Deadlines visit [Claim Submission Deadlines](#).

Contact your [assigned CACFP consultant](#) with questions about the items in the bulletin, or other CACFP questions.

Do you have new staff working with the CACFP? Check out this resource [New Staff Responsibilities for CACFP](#).

For DPI's CACFP COVID-19 Information visit [CACFP Resources for Transitioning Back to Normal Operations](#).



### *Program Abbreviation Key*

CC=Child Care

AR=At Risk

FDCH: Family Day Care Home

HS: Head Start

ES: Emergency Shelters

SO: Sponsoring Organizations

OS: Outside of School Hours Care

**ADC:** Adult Day Care  
**ALL:** Applies to all types

*The abbreviation key identifies each type of program in the CACFP. Each section above identifies who the information applies to when implementing the CACFP. If your type of program is not listed in a section, it does not apply.*

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