

## Determining the Number of Infant Foods Containers to Issue Using the Rounding Up Methodology

**WIC regulations at 7 CFR 246.10(h)(2)** authorize State agencies the option to round up to the next whole container of infant food (infant cereal, fruits, vegetables and meats) when the maximum monthly allowance cannot be issued due to varying container sizes of authorized infant foods.

State agencies that use the rounding up option must use the methodology outlined in regulations and issue infant foods in whole containers as evenly as possible over the timeframe (the number of months the participant will receive the food package).

**Table 1. Calculation Steps for Using the Rounding Up Methodology over Six Months**

Step	Rounding Up Infant Food Methodology	Example Infant Food Fruits/Vegetables
1	Multiply the maximum monthly allowance for the infant food by the timeframe the participant will receive the food package to determine the total amount of food to be provided.	128 oz. x 6 = 768 oz.
2	Determine the container size the State agency authorizes.	2.5 oz. jar
3	Divide the total amount of food provided during the timeframe that the food package is prescribed by the container size to determine the total number of food containers to be issued.	768 oz. ÷ 2.5 oz. = 307.2 oz.
4	If the number of containers to be issued does not result in a whole number of containers, round up to the next whole container in order to issue whole containers.	Round 307.2 up to 308 jars
5	Distribute the total containers across the food package timeframe as evenly as possible.	308 jars over 6-months: <b>51, 51, 51, 51, 52, 52</b>

**Note: Rounding is not necessary for the following since the container sizes divide evenly into Federal WIC MMAs:**

- ✓ 4 oz. jars of infant fruits and vegetables
- ✓ 2.5 oz. jars of infant meat
- ✓ 3 oz. and 8 oz. containers of infant cereal

**Table 2. Total Ounces of Infant Foods Authorized Over Six Months**

<b>Infant Foods</b>	<b>Fully Breastfed Infants Food Package II &amp; III</b>	<b>Partially Breastfed &amp; Fully Formula Fed Infants Food Package II &amp; III</b>
<b>Fruits &amp; Vegetables</b>	1536 oz.	768 oz.
<b>Meats</b>	465 oz.	N/A
<b>Infant Cereal</b>	144 oz.	144 oz.

**Table 3. Infant Foods Monthly Distribution by Container Size over a Six Months for Infant Food Fruit & Vegetables in Food Packages II & III for Fully Breastfed Infants**

<b>Container Size</b>	<b>Month 1</b>	<b>Month 2</b>	<b>Month 3</b>	<b>Month 4</b>	<b>Month 5</b>	<b>Month 6</b>	<b>Total Ounces</b>
2.5 oz.	102	102	102	103	103	103	1537.5
3.5 oz.	73	73	73	73	73	74	1536.5
6 oz.	42	42	43	43	43	43	1536
2-pack: 2.5 oz. jars	51	51	51	51	52	52	1540
2-pack: 3.5 oz. jars	36	36	37	37	37	37	1540
4-pack: 3.5 oz. jars	18	18	18	18	19	19	1540

**Table 4. Infant Foods Monthly Distribution by Container Size over Six Months for Infant Food Fruit in Food Packages II & III for Partially Breastfed/ Fully Formula Fed Infants**

<b>Container Size</b>	<b>Month 1</b>	<b>Month 2</b>	<b>Month 3</b>	<b>Month 4</b>	<b>Month 5</b>	<b>Month 6</b>	<b>Total Ounces</b>
2.5 oz.	51	51	51	51	52	52	770
3.5 oz.	36	36	37	37	37	37	770
6 oz.	21	21	21	21	22	22	768
2-pack: 2.5 oz. jars	25	25	26	26	26	26	770
2-pack: 3.5 oz. jars	18	18	18	18	19	19	770
4-pack: 3.5 oz. jars	9	9	9	9	9	10	770