

# Food Sales Fact Sheet

Vendors may include in the food sales amount reported to the State agency any item that may be purchased with Food Stamp benefits.

The following food sales **are included**.

- Foods for the household to eat, such as:
  - breads and cereals;
  - fruits and vegetables;
  - meats, fish, and poultry; and
  - dairy products.
- Coffee, tea, cocoa, carbonated and non-carbonated drinks, ice, candy, condiments and spices, when sold along with the items above.
- Snack foods (e.g., potato chips and cupcakes).
- Cold ready-to-eat foods intended for off-premise consumption only.
- Specialty foods (such as diabetic and dietetic foods), enriched or fortified foods, infant formulas, and certain health food items. Examples include weight loss products (e.g., Slim Fast), Depilate, Ensure, wheat germ, and brewer's yeast. If the item ordinarily is used as a food, rather than as a medicine or therapeutic agent, it may be included in food sales.
- Vegetable oils, shortening, and food coloring.
- Cooking wine, wine vinegar, flavorings, extracts.

The following food sales **are not included**.

- Any non-food items, such as:
  - pet foods;
  - soaps, paper products; and
  - household supplies.
- Beer, wine, liquor, and all other alcoholic beverages.
- Cigarettes, cigars, and all other tobacco products.
- Vitamins and medicines.
- Foods that will be eaten in the store.
- Hot foods and hot food products (e.g., soups, roasted chicken, coffee, steamed seafood).

