

The two (2) ways your grocery store may be issued an EBT permit*:

Store Food Stock

Stock units of three (3) different varieties of foods in each of the four staple food categories below; and,

Have the above foods in stock and readily available for your customers on a continuous basis; and,

Include perishable foods in at least two of those staple food categories.

Or

Staple Food Volume

Sell enough staples foods (in at least one food category) so that they generate 50 percent or more of your store's total gross retail sales.

“Staple foods” are the basic foods that make up a significant portion of a person’s diet. They are usually prepared at home and eaten as a meal. They do not include prepared foods, heated foods, or accessory foods.

Staple food categories:

1. vegetables or fruits
2. dairy products
3. meat, poultry, or fish
4. breads or cereals

* Assumes your store is otherwise eligible with no compliance problems in the past.