

SNAP Guide for Farmers Markets

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FMC's Free SNAP EBT Equipment Program

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The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has partnered with the Farmers Market Coalition (FMC) to provide eligible farmers markets and direct marketing farmers with free electronic benefit transfer (EBT) equipment necessary to process Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

WHAT

FMC will cover the costs of purchasing or renting SNAP EBT equipment and services (set-up costs, monthly service fees, and wireless fees) for up to three years. After their application has been approved, eligible farmers and farmers markets will choose their own SNAP EBT service provider from a list of participating companies: **Dharma, MarketLink, MerchantSource and TSYS**. Transaction fees (for SNAP EBT, credit, and debit payments) will not be covered.

WHEN

Now! This is a first-come, first-serve opportunity, which will be over when all the funds have been allocated. Don't wait!

HOW

Visit **FMCToolbox.org** to fill out the online application. An email address, FNS number, the date of SNAP-authorization, contact information, and some general information about your farm or farmers market will be required. One application may be submitted per farmers market or direct marketing farmer.

WHO

SNAP-authorized farmers markets and direct marketing farmers (who sell at one or more farmers markets) are eligible for funding if they:

- A. They do not currently possess functioning EBT equipment; **OR**
- B. They currently possess functioning EBT equipment, but received that equipment before May 2, 2012.

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