Two types of POS machines are offered at no cost to FNS certified Farmers’ Markets (FM) and Direct Marketing Farmers (DMF) by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). These machines will not accept credit/debit or other cards.

A. Wireless POS Terminal

These machines are leased by DSHS and cannot be purchased by the FM or DMF. The FM or DMF doesn’t incur any monthly maintenance costs or transaction fees for this machine.

To qualify for a Wireless POS Terminal the FM or DMF needs to have minimum average monthly EBT sales of $100.00 annually (If you’re market is only open 6 months, you would need to average $200.00 in EBT sales per month to meet the monthly annual average of $100.00)

System Requirements:

• Good wireless reception where the machine will be used

B. Wired (Land Line) POS Terminal

These machines are leased by DSHS and cannot be purchased by the FM or DMF. The FM or DMF doesn’t incur any monthly maintenance costs or transaction fees for this machine.

There aren’t any minimum EBT sales requirements to qualify for a wired POS terminal.

System Requirements:

• Electrical outlet
• Telephone Land line

To get either of these terminals:

• Apply for an FNS number http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/retailers/register.htm
• Once the Farmers Market or Direct Marketing Farmer is certified and you have your FNS number, contact DSHS at the numbers listed below to determine which terminal would best fit your need and then DSHS will contact the EBT vendor to have the merchant agreement and terminal sent to the FM or DMF.
• If you have questions about these POS options, you may call the DSHS EBT Program Managers: Des Boucher (509) 241-3633 OR Mark Hill (360)725-4555.