FMNP Goals

- Provide fresh, nutritious, unprocessed, locally grown fruits, vegetables and cut herbs to WIC participants & low income seniors
- Expand awareness, use, and sales at farmers markets and authorized farm stores
- Provide nutrition information to WIC and Senior participants, such as the importance of fruits and vegetables in their diet and how to store and prepare them
Collaborators

- Washington State Farmers Market Association
- Local WIC clinics
- Senior Nutrition Providers - Area Agencies on Aging
- Growers
- Market managers
- Advocates
Program Background

WIC FMNP:
- Administered by DOH
- Each WIC participant receives FMNP checks for $24
- In 2019 season $662,288 food dollars
- Served 27,595 WIC participants

SENIOR FMNP:
- Administered by DSHS
- Each Senior participant receives SFMNP checks for $40
- In 2019 season $759,796 food dollars
- Served 18,994 senior participants
How FMNP works

WIC

FMNP (DOH)

Clinics

Markets

Growers

Area Agencies on Aging Contractors

Senior FMNP

Contracts
Banking
Training
Monitoring
Program
Support

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What is new for 2020 FMNP Season

- New FMNP Sign

- WIC participants + Benefits = $28 per season

- Exclusive Honey Producer have a new sign

- Regular WIC have E-cards for retailers stores, not for FM
Growers Application

https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/WIC/FarmersMarket

How to Apply

Read the Grower Agreement under Information for Growers, Markets and Farm Stores

Sign and submit a complete Grower Application via email to FMNPTeam@doh.wa.gov or by mail at:

Washington State Department of Health
WIC and Senior FMNP Coordinator
PO Box 47886
Olympia, WA 98504-7886
Grower Sign-up

- Must produce a portion of the eligible foods they sell
- Farm Store must locate on property where food is grown

**After approval**

- Will receive a Grower ID with a copy of the signed agreement
- Market managers will receive a report with a list of the FMNP authorized growers and ID’s allowed to sell at their FM
- Refer to WIC and Senior FMNP Information Manual for Market Managers and Growers at: [www.doh.wa.gov/farmersmarket](http://www.doh.wa.gov/farmersmarket)
Markets Sign-up

- Must have at least five FMNP authorized growers signed up to participate at their market

- Must have market manager on-site during operating hours

- Must have a market manager available for training prior to the start of the FMNP season
New Markets
- FMNP will consider a new market only if there is participant access need
- Must be in operations for at least one year prior to submitting an application

Returning Markets
- Must redeem at least $250 combined WIC & Senior FMNP food dollars annually
FMNP Season June 1st – October 31st

Starting the Season

• Authorized Growers must:
  o Display the FMNP sign
  o If you forgot your sign, ask the market manager for a new one
  o Accept FMNP checks for the right season
  o Understand the FMNP rules
  o Deposit your stamped FMNP checks frequently
    • check with your bank first – use your Banking memo
  o Finish depositing your checks by November 15th
Duties as Market Manager
during FMNP Season

- Check in with each grower:
  - Are they on your FMNP report?
  - Do they have a secure place for checks?
  - Do they have a FMNP sign?
  - If returning, can you provide them with season changes?
  - If new, when can you set up training?
Displaying Signs:

- Make sure growers display signs where customers can see them and can identify them as authorized growers.

- Let us know if you need more signs at FMNPTeam@doh.wa.gov or 1-800-841-1410.
Eligible Foods

- Locally grown, unprocessed (except for washing), fresh fruits, vegetables and cut herbs

- “Locally grown” means Washington grown; or grown in bordering counties of Idaho or Oregon
Honey Producers

- Locally produced honey can be purchased with the *Senior FMNP checks only*
- Exclusively honey producers can’t take WIC FMNP checks
- Honey growers must register with the Washington State Dept. of Agriculture and follow their rules
FMNP Transactions

- Participants can use more than one or all FMNP checks for the transaction.
- Participants can use other forms of payment the grower accepts along with the FMNP checks for the extra cost over the $4.00 check:
  - Cash, EBT, credit or debit card
- Grower can’t give cash back or tokens for FMNP checks

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Farmers Market Report

- List of authorized growers who can accept FMNP checks at your market

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2020 FMNP Checks

Pay to the order of:
Washington WIC FMNP Authorized Grower $4.00
FIVE DOLLARS and no/100 ________ Tax Exempt

- Use only for eligible fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and fresh cut herbs
- Honey is not an eligible food for WIC
- Use only where the "WIC and Senior FMNP Checks Welcome Here" sign is posted by growers at authorized Farmers Markets or Farm Stores
- Call 1-800-841-1410 for FMNP information
- Authorized Grower: Stamp and redeem check by November 15, 2020

First Day to Use | Last Day to Use
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June 01, 2020 | October 31, 2020

Payment denied if stamp ID is missing or incorrect, or if the ID is handwritten.

Stamp authorized 8 Digit FMNP ID number here
Stamping Checks

- Stamper must have eight adjustable numbers, black ink
- Market/Grower ID in the blank stamp ID box at the bottom of the check
- Before stamping adjust the dial to the correct 8 digit number
- Verify stamp numbers are clear and easy to read

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Handling Checks

- Participants can buy any eligible food on the list
- Only participants using Senior FMNP checks can buy honey
- Store FMNP checks in a safe place
Canceling FMNP Checks

- As a manager you can cancel or void FMNP checks in case you need it
  - By punching holes on the check
  - Rubber-stamping
- In case a non-authorized vendor accepts FMNP checks and contact state office to report
Depositing Checks

- Use FMNP Banking Memo
- Must stamp all FMNP
- Must deposit before November 15th, 2020

Grower’s bank:
- May not recognize the FMNP checks
- May not allow growers to deposit into a personal account
- May charge fees for depositing checks over a maximum

FMNP doesn’t reimburse banking fees
Most Frequent Check Rejections

- Stamp is not clear or is missing numbers
⇒ WIC Program completed rollout of eWIC technology statewide by the end of 2019.

⇒ WIC & Senior FMNP will remain using paper check benefits for 2020 season

(For fresh fruits and vegetables, culinary herbs and honey vendors) can take WIC and Senior check benefits.

(For exclusive honey producers vendors) can take Senior check benefits only.
Civil Rights Requirements

Definition:

- In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

- Anyone can file a complaint

- Detailed procedures and a complaint form are on our website: www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/WIC/FarmersMarket/WICFMNP
Reminders

Market and Grower application/agreement
Information for Growers, Markets and Farm Stores

or Call 1-800-841-1410 ext. 3615

Mail the signed completed application to:

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Farmers Market Nutrition Program
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FMNP Season
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