Farmers Market Nutrition Program
– FMNP – 2022
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
- Participant receives $28
- Served 31,988 participants
- In 2021 season $371,020 food benefits

SENIOR FMNP:
- Administered by DSHS
- Participant receives $40
- Served 24,993 participants
- In 2021 season $645,720 food benefits
DSHS and DOH Roles

- DSHS SFMNP
- Area Agencies on Aging Contractors
- Subcontract

DOH FMNP

- Clinics
- Markets
- Growers

• Contracts
• Training
• Monitoring
• Banking
• Program Support
What is new for 2022 FMNP Season

- Growers: is a contract year- 1 year agreement
  - Plan A: Move fully to e-FMNP for 2023 season
    - Funding to invest in the technology (QR code)
    - Plan B: Processing checks directly with DOH (Hybrid)

- Markets under 3-year agreement (2021-2023) – Update form

- FMNP Sign per request

- Markets received an A-sign
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

1. Must produce a portion of the eligible foods they sell

2. **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 list of the FMNP authorized growers and IDs 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
2021-2023 FMNP Season

Must have:

• Five FMNP authorized growers
• Market manager on-site during operating hours
• Manager or staff handling FMNP operations trained prior to June 1st
• Non-contract year- answer the survey to update market info
Market Sign-up

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 applying

Returning Markets

- Must redeem at least $250 combined WIC & Senior FMNP food dollars annually
Duties as Market Manager

- Check that each grower should:
  - Be on your FMNP list
  - Have a FMNP sign
  - Have a secure place for checks
  - Know the rules and changes

- New and returning growers:
  - Provide training and TA

- With DOH:
  - Provide any changes with the market
FMNP Season June 1\textsuperscript{st} – October 31\textsuperscript{st}

Starting the Season

- **Authorized Growers must:**
  - Display the FMNP sign
  - If you forgot your sign, market manager can provide you one
  - Accept FMNP checks for the right season
  - Understand the FMNP rules
  - Deposit your stamped FMNP checks frequently
  - Check with your bank first – use your Banking memo
  - Finish depositing your checks by November 15\textsuperscript{th}
Farmers Market Report

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

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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

✓ Unprocessed or prepared beyond their natural state except for usual harvesting

✓ Honey growers must register with the WSDA and follow their rules
FMNP Transactions

✓ Participants can use more than 1 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

✓ Tax exempt

✓ Don’t accept WIC cards at Farmers Markets

EBT/SNAP =

Debit/Credit =

WIC & Senior FMNP =

SNAP Match Program =
2022 FMNP Checks

WIC FMNP Blue

Senior FMNP Orange

Pay to the order of:
Washington WIC FMNP Authorized Grower — $4.00
FOUR 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 Benefits 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, 2022

United Community Bank
Marietta, Georgia
64-1968
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First Day to Use Last Day to Use
June 01, 2022 October 31, 2022

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

Stamp authorized 8 Digit FMNP ID number here

Washington State Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program
Department of Social and Health Services
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration

WASHINGTON SFMNP Authorized Grower — $4.00
FOUR DOLLARS AND — NO/100 — TAX EXEMPT

Good for only fresh fruits, vegetables, approved honey and herbs.
Not Good at Grocery stores. Valid only at Authorized Farmers Markets and Farm Stands. No change will be given. For information, call 1-800-422-3263.

Authorized Grower - Redeem check by 11/15/2022

Sponsored by the Washington State Department of Social & Health Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture

STAMP AUTHORIZED ID NUMBER HERE

Payment will be denied without the Washington Farmers Market Authorized ID Stamp
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 digits 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
- If problems: contact state office for support

**FMNP Checks**

- Pay to the order of: Washington WIC FMNP Authorized Grocer — $4.00
- FOUR DOLLARS and no/100
- Tax Exempt
- First Day to Use: June 91, 2022
- Last Day to Use: October 31, 2022
- Use only for eligible fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and fresh cut herbs
- Honey is not on eligible food for WIC
- Authorized Grocer: “WIC and Senior FMNP Benefits Welcome Here” sign posted by grocer at authorized Farmers Markets or Farms Stores
- Call 1-800-905-1310 for FMNP information
- Authorized Grocer: Stamp and redeem check by November 15, 2022
Depositing Checks

✓ Use FMNP Banking Memo

✓ Must stamp all FMNP

✓ Must deposit before November 15th, 2022

✓ 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
Canceling FMNP Checks

✓ As a manager you can 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

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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

Submit signed and completed applications via email: FMNPTeam@doh.wa.gov or by mail to:

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Olympia, WA 98504-7886

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  Or call 1-800-841-1410
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