





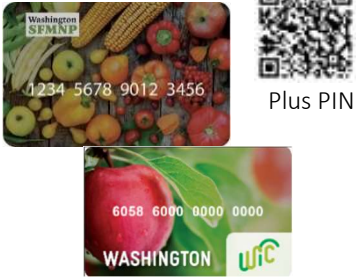



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Program Features	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP EBT)	SNAP Market Match	Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) for WIC and Seniors	WIC Fruit & Vegetable Benefits
Year program started in Washington State	1939	Statewide Program with new logo and GusNIP funds in 2020.	WIC FMNP – 1992 Senior FMNP – 2001	Benefit existed before but was only able to be used at farmers markets starting June 1, 2023
Program logo				
Program currency			 Plus PIN	
Who is eligible to receive benefits?	Low-income individuals or households that meet poverty guidelines and other criteria.	Any SNAP recipients	WIC FMNP: Primarily low-income women and children who are participating in the WIC program and who request FMNP.  Senior FMNP: Low-income adults over 60 or Native Americans/Alaskans over 55	All WIC participants
How do people sign up to receive benefits?	Sign up for “Basic Food Benefits” at local DSHS office (Community Service Office), by calling 877-501-2233, or online.	No sign up is needed for SNAP Market Match. Anyone who receives SNAP benefits will get SNAP Market Match at participating farmers markets. See FindAMarket.org	WIC FMNP participants can apply through their local WIC clinic.  Senior FMNP participants can apply through their local senior center, other senior program, or Area Agency on Aging.	Automatically included as a benefit for most WIC participants.

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How much do people receive in benefits?	Varies by individual. The average monthly benefit in WA is just over \$200 in a small household.	Match of up to \$25 per day.  Note: farmers markets in the City of Seattle have a higher match amount.	WIC provides \$30 per participant or up to \$90 family per season.  Seniors receive \$80 per participant per season.	\$26 <i>and up</i> per month, depending on family.
When can benefits can be used?	Year-round	Year-round	June 1 to October 31	Year-round
When do benefits expire?	EBT SNAP tokens issued by farmers markets do not expire.	Annually, on December 31	Annual, on November 1	End of each month.
Where can benefits be used?	Any authorized SNAP EBT retailer.	At farmers markets that are participating in SNAP Market Match program.  See FindAMarket.org	At DOH-authorized farmers markets and farm stores that have growers authorized by DOH to accept FMNP. See FindAMarket.org	Same as FMNP.  See FindAMarket.org
How are benefits used at farmers markets?	Find farmers markets that accepts SNAP at FindAMarket.org. When at farmers market, go to the information booth where shoppers swipe their EBT card and get SNAP tokens to buy SNAP eligible products from vendors.	Shoppers are given SNAP Market Match currency when they get their SNAP tokens at the farmers market’s Information Booth.	WIC participants and seniors are issued their FMNP benefits <i>electronically</i> by their WIC clinic or Senior agency. They get a QR code and PIN. FMNP growers read the QR code using “Vendor Portal” (a mobile website) and shoppers enter PIN.	With the QR code and PIN that all WIC participants have on their e-WIC card and on WICShopper app.
What can benefits be used to buy?	Foods for home consumption such as fruits, vegetables, plants or seeds that produce food, breads, dairy, baked goods, jams/jellies, honey, meat, fish, poultry, nuts, mushrooms.  Alcohol and ready-to-eat foods cannot be purchased with SNAP.	Fruits, vegetables, herbs, plants or seeds that produce food, and mushrooms.	Fresh (unprocessed) fruits, vegetables, and cut herbs.  Senior FMNP benefits can also be used to buy honey.	Same as WIC FMNP
Annual sales/redemptions at farmers markets (2023)	Over \$1.3 Million	Over \$1.1 Million	Over \$2.3 Million	Under \$50,000