

## FOOD ACCESS FORUM Think Like a Shopper: Review of Food Access Promotions to Improve Outreach & Sales



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# Your Food Access Support System

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### On the Ground Support – What does it Look Like?

## **Q&A with WSFMA Regional Leads**



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- For market staff, managers and partners who may not know, can you give specific examples of how you have supported markets in the past?
- What do you want markets and providers to know about your work?

## 2024 Regional Food Access Directories



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### Northeast Washington **Farmers** Markets

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#### **Northeast Washington Farmers Markets**

Food benefits are accepted at farmers mark	ets! The list below shows which are accepte	d: SNAP EBT	SNAP Market Match	WIC & Senior FMNP
County and Markets	Benefits Accepted	Dates	Days	Hours
Chelan County				
Cashmere Community Farmers Market Cashmere Museum, 600 Cotlets Way cascadesmarkets.org/cashmere		May 14 – Oct 15	Sunday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Leavenworth Community Farmers Market 330 Evans St cascademarkets.org	💓 🐜 🎬	Jun 1 – Oct 12	Thursday	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market Pybus Public Market, 3 N Worthen St wenatcheefarmersmarket.com		May 13 – Oct 28 Jun 21 – Aug 9	Saturday Wednesday	8:00 am – 1:00 pm 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Grant County				
Moses Lake Farmers Market McCosh Park, 401 W 4th Ave   moseslakefo		May 6 – Oct 28	Saturday	8:00 am – 1:00 pm
The B Street Market - Quincy 11 B St SE   thebstreetmarket.com	WIC 8 SENIOR	Jun 3 – Sep 16	Saturday (1st & 3rd)	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Okanogan County				
Methow Valley Farmers Market - Twisp 201 Hwy 20 S, Parking Lot methowvalleyfarmersmarket.com	1990 - 1990 -	Apr 6 – Oct 28	Saturday	9:00 am – 12:00 pr
Okanogan Valley Farmers Market American Legion Park, 2nd Ave N okanoganfarmersmarket.org		May 13 – Oct 28	Saturday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Omak Famers Market Downtown, Eastside Park	💓 🐜 🎬	Jun 20 – Oct 24	Tuesday	3:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Oroville Farmers Market 1276 Main St okanogancountry.com/poi/oroville-marke		May 6 – Oct 28	Saturday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Tonasket Farmers Market Triangle Park Hwy 97 & Western Ave tonasketfarmersmarket.com		Apr 22 – Nov 19	Thursday	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Pend Oreille County				
Newport Farmers Market Newport Rodeo Grounds, 1101 1st St		May 6 – Oct 28	Saturday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Stevens County				
Chewelah Farmers Market Chewelah City Park chewelahfarmersmarket.com		May 12 – Oct 13	Friday	11:00 am – 3:30 pn
Northeast Washington Farmers Market - Colv 287 E Astor Ave newfarmersmarket.org	ille 💓 🐜 🎬	May 3 – Oct 28	Wednesday/Saturday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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## 2024 Regional Food Access Directories

- 2024 order form is now open.
  - The order form is available as a Google form and is available on the WSFMA Food Access Forum webpage.
- Orders due by May 23.
- Directories are available in 4 languages:
  - English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Russian.
- Directories are always free and delivered to your door.
- If you need to order for more than one region, please submit a separate order form.
- You can find PDF copies of the directories on www.findamarket.org.



### ners Market Food Access Directory

Farmers Market Food Access Directories help shoppers find farmers markets that ood assistance benefits such as SNAP-EBT, SNAP Market Match, WIC and Senior nd, in Seattle only, Fresh Bucks.

REGIONS AVAILABLE: North Sound; King County; Seattle; Pierce & Thurston unties; West Sound/Olympic Peninsula; Southwest/Columbia Gorge; Central WA; kima/Tri-Cities/Palouse; and eater Spokane/Tri-County.

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#### ubmit your order by MAY 23, 2024.

ders received by May 23 are expected to ship in June.

gional Directories ordered after May 23 will be available on a first come, first rved basis.

)Fs of the Regional Farmers Market Food Access Directories are posted on ndAMarket.org

rmers markets directories are brought to you by the WSFMA in partnership with state Department of Social and Health Service's SNAP-Ed program. They have been ed with funds from USDA's Food and Nutrition Service. USDA is an equal nity employer. What Washington REGION do you want Farmers Market Food Acce for? Please select only one region. If you would like to order cards one region, please submit separate order forms for each region.

- North Sound (Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, Island, San Juan)
- King County, excluding Seattle
- City of Seattle
- Pierce & Thurston
- West Sound / Olympic Penisula (Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, C
- Southwest / Columbia Gorge (Pacific, Lewis, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Cl Klickitat)
- 🔵 Central WA (Okanogan, Kittitas, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Adams, Linc
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#### Languages

Directories are available in English, Spanish, Russian, and Vietnamese. In number of directories you would like for each language below. Minimum maximum order is 500. If you need larger quantities, please email foodaccess@wafarmersmarkets.org for availability.

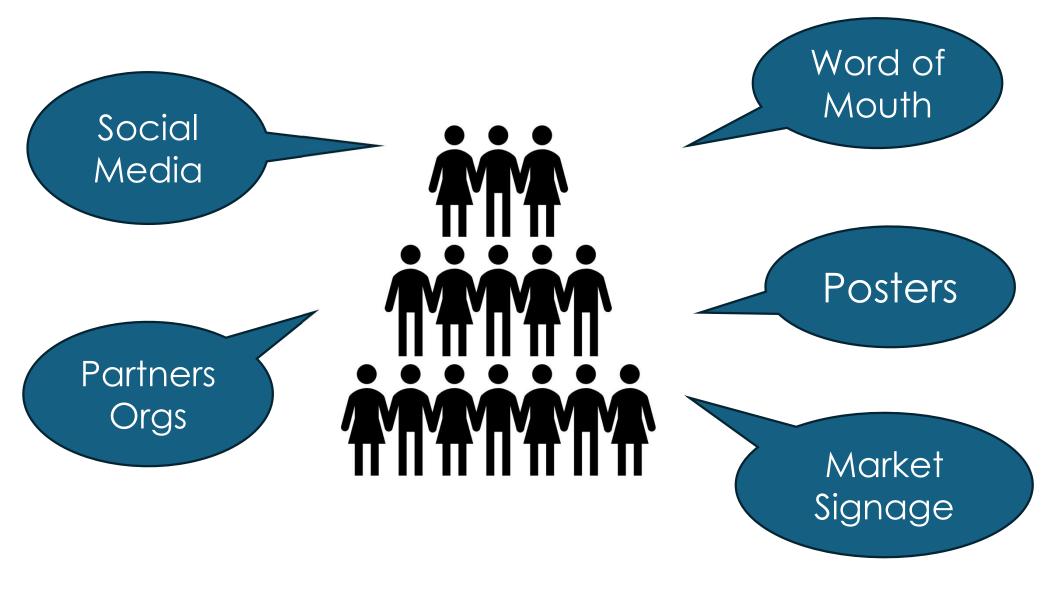
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Review of Food Access Promotions to Improve Outreach & Sales



### How do you connect with your shoppers?



## Your Promotions Toolkit and Best Practices

### What promotions are in your toolkit?

- WSFMA Toolkit Recourses
  - We Aggregate, We Share, We Create.

#### **FMNP for SHOPPERS**

#### Women, Infants and Children

WIC FMNP is available to low-income mothers with young children wh grocery stores and other retail outlets. In 2024, WIC participants in FMI spend at farmers markets between June 1 and Oct 31. Shoppers can use markets and farm stands to buy fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs. If yo 841-1410 or click here.

#### Seniors

Senior FMNP is available to low-income seniors. To qualify, you must b of the Federal Poverty Level. Seniors with FMNP will get \$80 for the se fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, and honey at farmers markets between J Senior FMNP, please call Senior Information and Services at (206) 448

#### WIC "Fruit and Vegetable Benefits"

Starting in 2023 with the transition to an electronic benefit, all WIC par Benefits" at farmers markets. (This benefit is also known as "Cash Value

- WIC shoppers can buy fresh fruits, vegetables, and cut I farmers markets from FMNP growers.
- To use these benefits at a farmers market, they must ha sticker) and their PIN.
- These benefits are in addition to the WIC FMNP benefit

#### WHAT CAN YOU BUY? Poulsbo Farmers Market - Currency Sheet



Seeds

Vegetable Starts

**EBT Tokens** CAN be used for these EBT eligible items: (Must be packaged for consumption off site) Baked Goods Bread

 Jams & Jellies Dairy Products Syrup & Honey Nuts Meat/Fish/Poultry Mushrooms

\*NO hot or prepared food or drink products - No cash back given\*



**Debit/Credit Tokens** CAN be used for any market items. They spend just like Cash!



**SNAP Market Match** 



 Herbs Vegetables Vegetable Starts Mushrooms

\*NO honey, hot/prepared food or drink products - No cash back given\*



pre-2021 punch card 2021 punch card

PFM Frequent Shoppers Cards are worth \$5 with any vendor once the card has been filled with 8 punches. \*1 card per sales transaction \* No cash back or change given





### WIC Fruit & Vegetable **Benefits** at **Farmers Markets**



Look for this sign at your farmers market! Use your WIC QR code and PIN to shop with your "All Fruit Veg - WIC" benefits.

Starting this year you can use your WIC Fruit and Vegetable Benefit to shop from local farmers at farmers markets. Buy fresh fruit and vegetables from any farmer. Look for the "WIC Fruit and Vegetable Benefits" or FMNP signs. With your personal QR code and PIN, you can use these WIC benefits all year long at farmers markets. Stock up this fall to celebrate the harvest and holidays!

Questions? Please call WIC customer service: (800) 841-1410.

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Partner Agency Toolkit Resources SNAP, SNAP Market Match, WIC & Senior FMNP

Static Assets for Facebook, Instagram, Reddit, Web and more!

*And there's videos too!* 15 to 30 second videos to promote your programs.



farmers market and farm stores

**Buy** the fruits and veggies you love!

# Gour Promotions Toolkit and Best Practices

Your Market Food Access Toolkit

- the bird's eye view
- Use all the resources provided by WSFMA and partner organizations
- Create promotions that are specific to your markets and your shoppers
- Promote your programs as a whole, rather than in silos
- View your promotions through the lens of your shoppers
  - Can you get shopper input?
  - Do your images and language resonate with your audience?
  - Is it clear, concise, and compelling?

# Congratulations Jou've Done It!

What makes it most likely that your customers will have a positive and successful shopping experience at your market?





- <u>Go to the information booth.</u>
- Swipe you EBT card / Match up to \$25.
- Shop for eligible foods.



- Sign up for benefits.
- Go to your farmers market.
- Find the growers with this sign.
- Shop for eligible foods.

# Think Like a Shopper - I'm Comfortable Here.



## Think Like a Shopper - I'm here, now what?

Viewing your market through a first-time shopper's lens.



## Food Access Signage Checklist

Viewing your market, outreach, and promotions through the shopper's lens.



# Food Access Signage Checklist

### Viewing your market through a first-time shopper's lens.







Program	Image	Pla	cement	Notes & Tips	Where to Get Signs
WIC & Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)	WIC & SENIOR Formers Morker BENEFITS WELCOME HEREI		Grower Booth <i>required</i> if grower is authorized to accept <u>FMNP</u> Info Booth <i>recommended</i>	There are directions for signs on the back of them. The senior sign is for HONEY vendors only. Tip: Have extras on hand for farms that forget their signs.	From the FMNP Team: fmnpteam@doh.wa.go (360) 236-3721 or (800 841-1410 You can order as many signs as needed.
WIC Fruit and Vegetable Benefit	WC Fruit & Vegetable Benefits WELCOME HERE ALL YEAR		Grower Booth Info Booth recommended	This program started at farmers markets in 2023 and is still new to growers and shoppers.	Same as FMNP
SNAP EBT A-board			At farmers market entrance recommended	More than one A-board may be available.	Amanda Weyrauch SNAP Market Match amanda.weyrauch@do h.wa.gov (360) 485-6430 Or the WSFMA
SNAP EBT Banner			At Info Booth recommended	Measures 2 feet x 10 feet	Amanda Weyrauch SNAP Market Match amanda.weyrauch@do h.wa.gov (360) 485-6430 Or the WSFMA
SNAP EBT "Accepted Here	We Welcome SNAP EBT		Info Booth, <b>required</b>	There are a variety of these signs that can work. Important thing is to be sure to have one of them.	USDA Food and Nutrition Services (FNS).
SNAP Market Match	Double Your EBT Dollars! SNAP Market Market		Stick on SNAP EBT A-board, <i>recommended</i>	This is an 8-inch sticker	Amanda Weyrauch SNAP Market Match amanda.weyrauch@do h.wa.gov (360) 485-6430

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		Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP		Farmers Market Nutrition Program		
	SUN Bucks (Summer EBT)	SNAP EBT	SNAP Market Match	Senior FMNP	WIC FMNP Women Infants, 8	WIC Fruit & Vegetable Benefits Children (WIC)
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Where does customer get market currency?	Information Booth	Information Booth	Information Booth	Local senior agency or DSHS	Local WIC cl	inic or DOH
How much does customer get?	\$120 per summer	No limit	Up to \$25 per day	\$80 per season	\$30 to 90 per season	\$26 or more per month
When can customer use currency?	Starting mid- June	Anytime	Anytime	June 1- Oct 31	June 1- Oct 31	Anytime
When does it expire?	122 days from issuance	Never	Dec 31	Oct 31	Oct 31	End of month
Do customers get change?	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Where do people sign up?	Through schools	Local DSHS office	Automatic. No need to sign up	Local senior agency (DSHS)	Local WIC c	linic (DOH)

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PRODUCTS	Summer EBT or SUN Bucks	SNAP EBT	SNAP Market Match	Senior FMNP	WIC FMNP	WIC Fruit & Vegetable Benefits
<u>Fresh</u> fruits, vegetables, cut herbs, mushrooms						
<u>Dried</u> fruit, vegetables, herbs, beans, and nuts	i <b>t</b>	ıt				
Plants or seeds that produce food		ıt	it	ı <b>t</b>	it	I¢
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Meat, fish, poultry, eggs, dairy	IÉ	ıt				
Bread, pastries, and other baked goods	ıt	IÉ				
Value-added, pantry items e.g., jams, salsa, hummus, pickles, etc.		ıt				
Snacks, pre-packaged beverages	I¢	16				
Hot, ready-to-eat foods	Not allowed					
Alcohol	Not allowed					
Flowers or any other product humans don't eat	Not allowed					



Order 2024 Regional Farmers Mkt Directories Here

### **General Resources for Farmers Market**

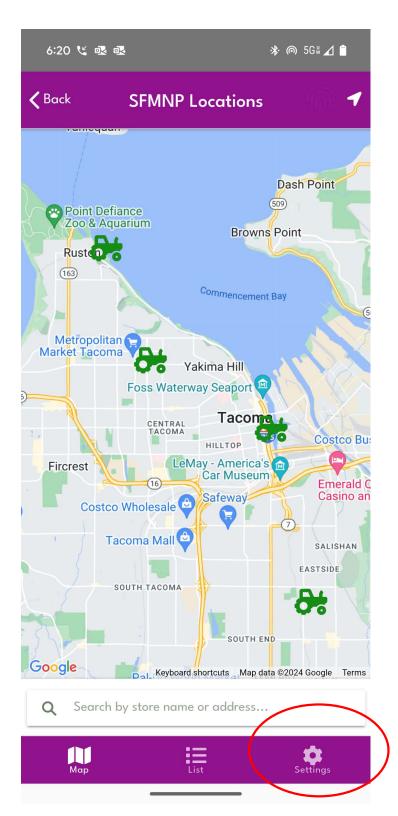
- 2024 Farmers Market Food Access Calendar
- New! Farmers Market Food Access Info Mgmt and Check Lists is a Word document to help farmers markets organize their food access program information and signage in one place.
- Overview of Food Access Program at Farmers Markets designed to help train new market staff, volunteers, and vendors
- New! Farmers Market Food Access Currencies Cheat Sheet 2024 designed for quick reference for market staff and volunteers at the Information Booth or for growers and their staff
- Farmers Market Currency Sheet Shopper facing example from Poulsbo Farmers Market
- Link to Google Drive with promotional graphics for SNAP Market Match, WIC and Senior FMNP. Created by Rescue Agency for SNAP-Ed.





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Food Access Forum recordings, presentation slides, and other materials are available from the <u>WSFMA Food Access Forum webpage.</u>

- WIC Fruit and Veggies Benefit:
- If you have markets that are open now they can accept the WIC FVB
  - Let markets know their growers can accept WIC FVB
  - Markets can request signage from FMNP by emailing <u>fmnpteam@doh.wa.gov</u>

### FMNP Upcoming Date of Import:

May 1: all seasonal markets need to apply to accept FMNP at their market by May 1.

See you in November-Food Access Forum - Nov 21, 2024

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