

# Today's Food Access Forum Vocabulary

**Authorized Retailer** = Any store, including online and farmers markets, that has been authorized by the USDA Food & Nutrition Service to accept SNAP.

**Basic Food** = Washington State's name for SNAP

**Benefit** = Amount of money given to people who qualify, usually based on income, for a specific purpose.

**Double Up Food Bucks** = Another name that is commonly used for incentive programs at farmers markets.

**EBT or Electronic Benefit Transfer** = a debit card that people use to receive and spend their government benefits on eligible items at retailers who "accept EBT."

**Eligible** = qualifies to be receive or be paid for with SNAP funding.

**Emergency Allotments** = Temporary increases to SNAP benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**FFY = Federal Fiscal Year**, Oct 1 to Sept 30

**Incentive Program** = Incentive or matching programs give people more money, usually for fruits and vegetables, when they use their SNAP EBT card at a farmers market.

**Maximum Benefit** = Maximum monthly benefit amount allowed for SNAP, determined by the USDA Thrifty Food Plan.

**P-EBT or Pandemic EBT**. Temporary federal program that provided additional food benefits to children who were unable to eat at school or child care due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Treated like SNAP but is a separate benefit.

**POS or Point of Sale** = Equipment or app needed to transfer money from a person to a retailer.

**Redemptions** = Amount of a monetary benefit that was spent (in \$).

**SNAP or SNAP EBT or EBT** = Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Food benefits for families to supplement their grocery budgets. Families qualify by income and household size.

**SNAP-Ed** = Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Nutrition Education

**Summer EBT** = Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as "food stamps"

**SNAP Market Match** = Name of WA state's SNAP incentive or matching program launched in 2021 by Dept of Health Fruit and Vegetable Incentive Project with funding from federal grant.

**SUN Bucks** = Rebranding of Summer EBT. Money for school aged kids during summer.

**Quest Card** = Washington State's name of the EBT card that is loaded with public benefits, including SNAP.