






2026 FARMERS MARKET FOOD ACCESS CALENDAR

Month	General Food Access	WIC & Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)	SNAP Market Match (SMM)
January	End of WSFMA’s SNAP-Ed contract.	 <p><i>WIC Fruit & Vegetable Benefits can be accepted year-round at FMNP authorized growers and farmers markets.</i></p>	 <p>New currency for 2026: lavender</p> 
February	<p>Feb 10. Hunger Action Day, hosted by Anti-Hunger and Nutrition Coalition</p> <p>Feb 20-21: WSFMA Conference, Bremerton</p> <p>Publication of new Vendor Guide, Currency Cheat Sheet, Market Day Cheat Sheet, Factsheets, Food Access Brochure, EBT Tokens Accepted Here stickers.</p>	FMNP workshops at WSFMA conference and FMNP Team is at Trade Show.	SMM staff at Trade Show.
March	<p>Mar 15: WSFMA 2025 Member Applications due</p> <p>Mar 12, 17 & 26: WSFMA FM Boot Camp (virtual)</p> <p>Mar 31: WSFMA Board Boot Camp (virtual)</p>		TBD: SNAP Market Match annual training
April		<p>Apr 1, 9:00-11:00am: FMNP Training for Farmers Markets for new managers and new farmers markets (virtual via Zoom). Link available from WSFMA, FMNP.</p> <p>Apr 1: FMNP application due from all returning farmers (“growers”) and farm stands (“farm stores”).</p>	
May	“2026 WA State Farmers Market Directory” shipped to WSFMA member markets	May 1: Deadline for farmers market to apply for FMNP authorization if it was not authorized in 2024 or 2025.	
June	June 30: End of Washington State FY	June 1: FMNP season starts. WIC and Senior FMNP shoppers can use benefits.	

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July	July 1: Beginning of Washington State FY	July 1: FMNP application due from all nEW farmers (“growers”) and farm stands (“farm stores”).	
August	Aug 2 - 8: National Farmers Market Week		
September	Sept 30: End of Federal FY 2026		TBD. Opens - Online application to participate in SNAP Market Match in 2027
October	Oct 1: Beginning of Federal FY 2027	Oct 31: FMNP season ends. Growers can continue to accept <i>WIC Fruit & Vegetable Benefits</i> .	TBD. Closes - SNAP Market Match Application for 2027
November		TBD. Farmers Market FMNP Applications open for 2027-2029 cycle.	Contract review by DOH.
December		Dec 31: FMNP farmers market update form ¹ due for year-round markets	TBD. SNAP Market Match Kick-Off training for Year-Round Farmers Markets participating in SMM in 2027.
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¹ Farmers Markets agreements with DOH for FMNP are good for 3 years (2024-2026). For FMs that are already authorized, DOH will send an update form to check business hours, locations, and capture any other changes.