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**TO:** Banking Institutions within California

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**SUBJECT: WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Checks**

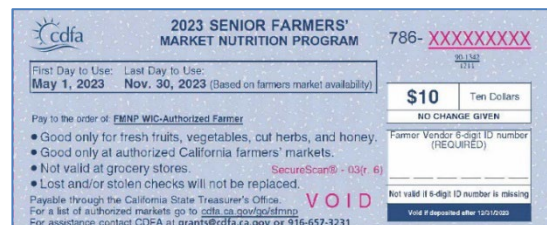
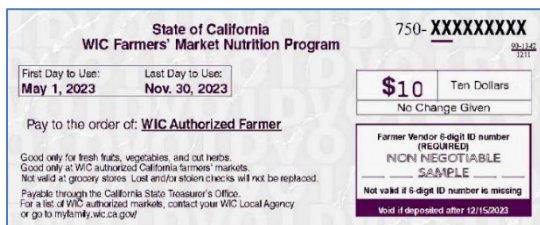
The California Department of Public Health/Women, Infants, and Children Division (CDPH/WIC) kindly requests your assistance to ensure the success of the WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs (FMNP) by allowing WIC authorized farmers to deposit WIC and Senior FMNP checks without processing fees. The checks are legitimate financial instruments paid by the California State Treasurer's Office.

Funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, both the WIC and Senior FMNP programs boost the local economy by assisting low-income citizens in your community to purchase fresh, California-grown fruits and vegetables. Additionally, the programs provide a revenue stream for small farmers who are unable to compete with large, wholesale farmers.

**Understanding the FMNP check**

The WIC FMNP checks are **purple**; Senior FMNP checks are **blue**.

- 1. Program Dates:** The FMNP season runs from May 1 to November 30.
- 2. Last Date to Deposit:** WIC- **December 15**; Senior- **December 31**.
- 3. Any authorized farmer:** Ask for the farmer's the Notice of Authorization letter to confirm if the farmer ID is legitimate. **Note:** Farmers' market managers do not have farmer authorization letter.
- 4. Farmer ID:** farmer writes/stamps six-digit WIC farmer identification number on check; this number must be included for check validity.



Contact Nancy Magaña-Benoit, Farmers' Market Coordinator at 916-928-8589 or [nancy.magana-benoit@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:nancy.magana-benoit@cdph.ca.gov) for assistance.



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