



**FMNP Re-authorizing?  
Meet your training  
requirement by reading  
this newsletter.**

New to the program or need a refresher training? Sign up for one of our online webinars listed below.

**2015 FMNP Training Webinars**

Mondays:

- April 13th, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- May 11th, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
- June 15th, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

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**Are Your Bank Fees on the Rise?**

Farmers across the state have reported that their banks are charging increased fees for depositing WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) checks into personal and business checking accounts. If this has happened to you, ask to speak with the bank manager. Can the bank manager waive those fees since you are a loyal customer who brings in many dollars to the local economy to feed families? You can take your business elsewhere — talk to other farmers, market managers, and business associations — to find out which banks or credit unions are the farmer - friendliest. Investigate if there are other types of banking services that would better meet your business needs. Visit our website at [www.wicfarmers.ca.gov](http://www.wicfarmers.ca.gov) and click on the tab for "Farmers & Market Managers". Under "Resources", you will find in the FMNP section the *Letter to Bank* which informs bank and credit union staff about the WIC and Senior FMNP checks. As the bank's customer, you are in a good position to work with your bank to determine the best solution to your banking needs.



**Eligible Foods**

Time to revisit your eligible foods! For a complete and comprehensive list of eligible food items, please see our website at [www.wicfarmers.ca.gov](http://www.wicfarmers.ca.gov).

Food	Senior FMNP	WIC FMNP	WIC FVC
Fresh fruits	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fresh vegetables	Yes	Yes	Yes*
Cut herbs	Yes	Yes	No
Dried fruit	No	No	If printed on check**
Honey	Yes	No	No

\*All types of potatoes allowed effective April 15, 2015.

\*\*Dried fruits without added fats, sugars or oils. Not allowed for children.



**Fair and Equal Treatment**

Never discriminate against WIC or Senior participants on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, political belief, sex, age or disability. Offer foods of the same quality and price to participants, just as you would regular customers. A positive shopping experience will encourage our program participants to return to your market even when they are no longer receiving WIC program benefits. If you suspect any fraud or abuse of WIC Program benefits, contact the State WIC office immediately by calling 916.928.8513. A complaint form is also available online at [www.wicfarmer.ca.gov](http://www.wicfarmer.ca.gov). You may also call 800.852.5770 or email us at [WICABUSE@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:WICABUSE@cdph.ca.gov).



## FMNP December 31 deposit deadline

FMNP checks may only be accepted through November 30th and must be deposited on or before December 31st. For WIC and Senior FMNP checks, be sure to write your Farmer Vendor 6-digit ID# in the white box. FMNP checks deposited after December 31st will be returned by your bank. Remember that FMNP checks are to be treated like cash and stored safely in a lock box or other secure area, never leave unsecured checks unattended, and lost or stolen checks cannot be reimbursed. Please do not accept FMNP checks until officially authorized. Failure to do so could result in returned check charges from your bank.



WIC FMNP Check



Senior FMNP Check

## It's easy to reauthorize... really

Many of you have recently received a reauthorization packet in the mail. In this, you will find a letter with instructions as well as a reauthorization application and list of your farmers or markets. If you are an FMNP farmer and not part of our FVC program, you may reauthorize by:

- Completing **Section 1** of the application with your contact information. Include your Certified Producer's Certificate (CPC) number and expiration.
- **Section 2** needs to be signed by your market manager or you may instead mail a copy of your CPC.
- Check the box in **Section 3** that you met the training requirement by reading this newsletter.
- Update your market or farmer list in **Section 4**.
- Sign the application in **Section 5** and mail your application back to us with an original signature.

If you sell at an FVC authorized farmers' market and would like to become authorized or reauthorized for the FVC program, you will need to complete a brief training. Contact our program staff at 916.928.8513 to schedule your FVC training today.

## Post your sign(s)!

Both the FVC and FMNP programs require that farmer vendors post the respective authorization sign indicating they participate in one or both of our programs. When you re-authorize, we will send you a few new laminated signs. Promoting our programs not only helps your business, but encourages California families to include fruits and vegetables in their diets for generations to come. Contact us at the WIC office if you need more laminated signs.



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FVC Program

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