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To All California Bank and Credit Union Representatives,

I am writing to ask for your assistance on behalf of farmers and market managers of California Certified Farmers' Markets who use your banking services to deposit checks issued by the WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP).

We are requesting that you waive or reduce check fees imposed on the farmers and market managers who deposit these \$2.00 and \$4.00 checks at your institutions. These checks, paid through the State Treasurer's Office, are valid for deposit from May 1 through December 31, 2015. Please see an example of the WIC and the Senior Farmers' Market check images on the following page.

The FMNP is a state-administered nutrition program funded by the United States Department of Agriculture for low-income women, children, and seniors to purchase locally-grown fresh fruit and vegetables at farmers' markets. The program benefits the local economy and helps low-income citizens in your community have greater access to fresh, nutritious fruits and vegetables.

The WIC and Senior FMNP serve over 175,000 families statewide. We recognize that the cooperation of the banking community is crucial to the success of this program, and we appreciate your support of the farmers and market managers who use your services.

Please contact the WIC Farmers' Market Team at (916) 928-8513 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: FMNP check examples



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## WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Check

<b>State of California</b> <b>WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program</b>		750- <u>XXXXXXXXXX</u> <small>SecureScan® - 15 (r. 5)</small>	<small>90-1342 1211</small>
First Day to Use: <b>May 1, 2012</b>	Last Day to Use: <b>Nov. 30, 2012</b>	VOID	
Pay to the order of: <u>WIC-Authorized Farmer</u>		<b>\$4</b> Four Dollars	No Change Given
Good only for fresh fruits, vegetables, and cut herbs. Good only at WIC-Authorized Farmers' Markets. Not valid at grocery stores.		Farmer Vendor 6-digit ID number (REQUIRED) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-size: 2em; color: red;">VOID</div>	
<small>Banker: Check is payable through the California State Treasurer's Office. Farmer Vendor must write or stamp a 6-digit WIC ID number in the space provided. Do not accept if white box is blank or does not have a 6-digit ID number. Void if deposited after December 31. Lost or stolen checks will not be replaced. For verification of checks, please call 916-928-8513.</small>			

## Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Check

 <small>CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD &amp; AGRICULTURE</small>	<b>2012 SENIORS</b> <b>FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM</b>	786- <u>XXXXXXXXXX</u> <small>SecureScan® - 03(r. 5)</small>	<small>90-1342 1211</small>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day to use <b>SFMP</b> checks is <b>NOVEMBER 30, 2012</b>.</li> <li>Good only at <b>WIC authorized</b> Certified Farmers' Markets.</li> <li>Eligible foods are <b>FRESH</b> fruit, vegetables, honey and fresh cut herbs.</li> </ul>		VOID	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ultimo día para usar cheques de <b>SFMP</b> es <b>NOVIEMBRE 30, 2012</b>.</li> <li>Buena sólo en Mercados de agricultores certificados con <b>autorización de WIC</b>.</li> <li>Comida eligible son <b>FRESCAS</b> frutas, vegetales, miel y frescas hierbas cortadas.</li> </ul>		<b>\$2</b> Two Dollars	No Change Given
Farmer Vendor WIC ID number: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-size: 2em; color: red;">VOID</div>		Last day to deposit check: <b>December 31, 2012</b>	