

WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP/SFMNP) Guidelines for Farmers

1) Post your sign at the market

Display the *WIC and Senior Farmer' Market Checks Welcome* sign each day you sell at a WIC-authorized farmers' market.



2) Use the correct 6-digit WIC ID

Write or stamp your unique 6-digit WIC ID number on the front of the FMNP checks. This 6-digit number was assigned to you by CDPH WIC. Do not use your Producer's certificate number on the checks. Endorse the back of the checks with your signature or farm name and take them to your bank for deposit or payment. If your market manager accepts checks for stall fees, write your WIC ID number on the front of the check before you give them to the market manager.



3) Accept checks only for eligible foods

Fresh fruits, vegetables and cut herbs are allowed purchases. Nuts, seeds, eggs, meat, milk, cheese, and bread are NOT allowed foods for FMNP/SFMNP. Honey and unprocessed honey products are allowed only for seniors. Purchases over the amount of the check can be paid with cash or other types of payment you accept. For purchases less than the amount of the check, do not give change back to the customer.

4) Handle checks carefully

Lost or stolen checks cannot be replaced. Take them to your bank for deposit or payment frequently. Don't wait until they have expired! The last day to accept FMNP/SFMNP checks from customers is November 30. The last day to deposit the checks into your bank is December 31.

5) Comply with State and Federal Regulations

- * Accept FMNP/SFMNP checks **only** after being authorized from CDPH WIC. You will receive a Notice of Authorization packet. Accept checks **only** at WIC - authorized Farmers' Markets.
- * Do not discriminate against FMNP/SFMNP customers in price, quality of produce, or service.
- * Provide access and full cooperation to CDPH and CDFA representatives during onsite visits.
- * Follow all terms and conditions listed in your farmer vendor agreement. Farmers and farmers' markets may be disqualified if FMNP program regulations are not properly followed.

Report suspected abuse or violation of this program to CDPH WIC by email: WICAbuse@cdph.ca.gov, phone: (800) 852-5770, or fax: (916) 440-5575.



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