

USDA Food & Nutrition Service

WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP):

Quick Facts

Programs

Food Stamp Program
National School Lunch Program
School Breakfast Program
Summer Food Service Program
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
Special Milk Program
Child and Adult Care Food Program
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
Nutrition Assistance Block Grants
Commodity Supplemental Food Program
The Emergency Food Assistance Program
Disaster Assistance

Description

- Provides participants of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) with coupons to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs from farmers, at farmers' markets, or roadside stands that have been approved by a State agency to accept FMNP coupons.
- Works to expand the sales and to promote the awareness and use of local farmers' markets.
- Provides participants with FMNP coupons in addition to their WIC checks.
- Operates in areas of 38 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and five Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs).

Background

- The program was established by Congress in 1992; operated as a pilot program for 3 years prior to that time.
- FMNP recipients' Federal food benefit may not be less than \$10 and no more than \$30 per year, per recipient, but State agencies may supplement the benefit level.
- The program is administered by the Food and Nutrition Service through cash grants to State agencies. It is operated by State agencies such as State Agriculture Departments or Health Departments or ITOs.

Participants

- Almost 2.5 million WIC participants received FMNP benefits in FY 2006.
- Women, infants older than 4 months of age and children certified to receive WIC program benefits or who are on a waiting list for WIC certification. State agencies may serve some or all of these categories.

Budget

- \$19.8 million in FY 2006 and FY 2007 (est).

Contact Information

- For complete information, visit www.fns.usda.gov/wic/FMNP/FMNPfaq.htm or contact the your State agency that administers the FMNP. View Agency listings at www.fns.usda.gov/wic, select "State Contacts."



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