



# WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

## What Is the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program?

The WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) is associated with the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, generally known as WIC. FMNP provides women, infants, and children certified to receive WIC benefits with coupons that can be utilized for eligible foods (fruits, vegetables, honey, and fresh-cut herbs) at farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community-supported agriculture programs.

## Who Administers FMNP?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) administers FMNP through a Federal/State partnership in which FNS provides cash grants to State agencies. FMNP is operated by State agencies such as State Agriculture Departments, State Health Departments, or Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs).

## How Does FMNP Work?

Eligible WIC participants are issued FMNP checks or coupons in addition to their regular WIC benefits. These checks or coupons are used to buy eligible foods at farmers' markets and/or roadside stands that have been approved by the State agency to accept FMNP coupons. The farmers or farmers' market managers then submit the redeemed FMNP checks or coupons to the bank or State agency for reimbursement.

## How Can People Participate in FMNP?

Low-income pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants (over 4 months old), and children up to age 5 who have been certified to receive WIC benefits or who are on a waiting list for WIC certification are eligible to participate in FMNP. State agencies may choose to serve some or all of these categories through FMNP.

## Where Can I Go To Learn More About FMNP?

The FMNP point of contact for each State agency can be found at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/fmnp/wic-farmers-market-nutrition-program-fmnp>.

For further information, please visit our website at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/fmnp/wic-farmers-market-nutrition-program-fmnp>.

## Whom at FNS Can I Contact To Discuss FMNP?

Please call FNS Division of External and Governmental Affairs at 703-305-2281.

Key WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Data	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017 (estimate)
<b>Total U.S. grant amounts (in thousands)</b>	\$18,723.4	\$19,632.8	\$19,666.9	\$21,042.4	\$22,291.1