



FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM

FARMERS AGREEMENT

(Valid January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009)

County of Residence

Print Name

FMNP I.D. #

I understand and hereby agree *to abide by the Rules and Procedures as printed on the reverse side of this form and in the Farmers Market Nutrition Program Training Manual or amendments to rules that may be promulgated at markets and/or mailed to me.* **In compliance with USDA's regulations, I acknowledge that I have received training by submitting this completed form and a current year's growers' permit each year to the Farmers Market Authority. I understand and agree that it is my responsibility to submit these forms.**

Farmer's Signature

Date

Home Address

City/State/Zip Code

Telephone Number (including area code)

E-mail Address

Race:

- American Indian or Alaska Native
 Asian
 Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 White or Caucasian

Ethnicity:

- Hispanic
 Non-Hispanic

FMNP Authorized Market Name

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Please notify the Farmers Market Authority at 1-877-774-9519 or (334) 242-2618 if any of the above information changes.

The farmer shall:

- provide such information as the State agency shall require for its periodic reports;
- assure that FMNP checks are redeemed only for eligible foods;
- provide eligible foods at the current price or less than the current price charged to other customers;
- only accept checks within the dates of their validity and submit checks for payment within the allowable time period established by the State agency;
- treat FMNP checks as they would cash;
- in accordance with the procedure established by the State agency, mark each transacted check with the farmer identifier and take to your local bank for redemption;
- accept training on FMNP procedures and provide training to farmers and any employees with FMNP responsibilities on such procedures;
- agree to be monitored for compliance with FMNP requirements – including both overt and covert monitoring;
- be accountable for actions of farmers or employees in the provision of foods and related activities;
- pay the State agency for any checks transacted in violation of this agreement;
- offer FMNP recipients the same courtesies as other market customers;
- comply with the nondiscrimination provisions of USDA regulations.

The farmer shall not:

- collect sales tax on FMNP check purchases;
- seek restitution from FMNP recipients for checks not paid by the State agency;
- issue cash change for purchases that are in an amount less than the value of the check(s).

Neither the State agency nor the farmer has an obligation to renew the agreement. Either the State agency or the farmer may terminate the agreement without cause after providing 30 days advance written notification.

The State agency may deny payment to the farmer for improperly redeemed FMNP coupons or may establish a claim for payments already made on improperly redeemed checks. The State agency may disqualify a market and/or farmer for program abuse with a minimum of 15 days advance written notice.

A farmer that commits fraud or engages in other illegal activity may be liable to prosecution under applicable Federal, State and/or local laws.

A farmer may appeal an action of the State agency denying his/her application to participate, imposing a sanction, or disqualifying him/her from participating in the FMNP.

Eligible foods are all fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs and honey (honey for SFMNP only) that are locally grown by the certified producer.