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BEFORE WE BEGIN:

YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE TRAINING YOU ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE DOES NOT COVER THE ENTIRE SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING AND UNDERSTANDING ALL HANDBOOKS, MANUALS, ALERTS, NOTICES, AND GUIDANCE, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER FORMS OF COMMUNICATION THAT PROVIDE FURTHER GUIDANCE, CLARIFICATION OR INSTRUCTION ON OPERATING THE PROGRAM.



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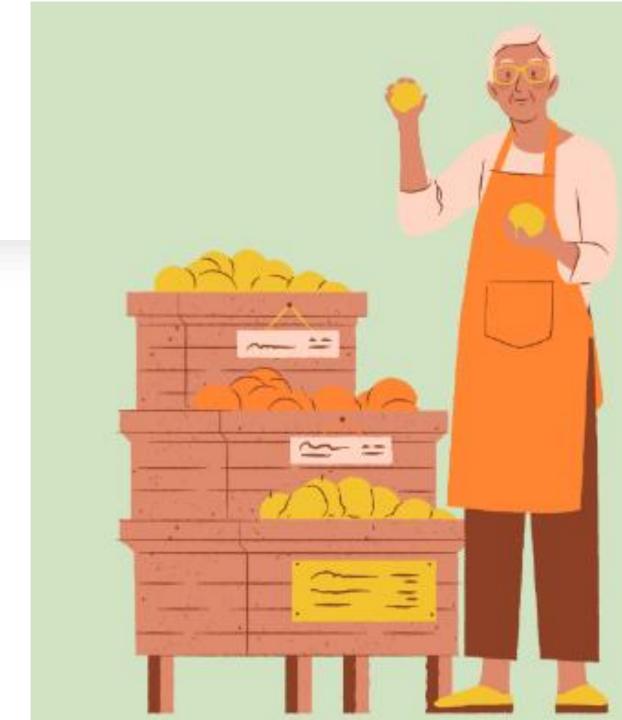
VI. CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

VII. OTHER



Purpose of the S/FMNP:

Participant's consumption of nutritious Increase foods such as fresh fruits and vegetables. Opportunities for famers to sell their Provide produce locally. Awareness and use of farmers' markets to Expand your communities/service areas.



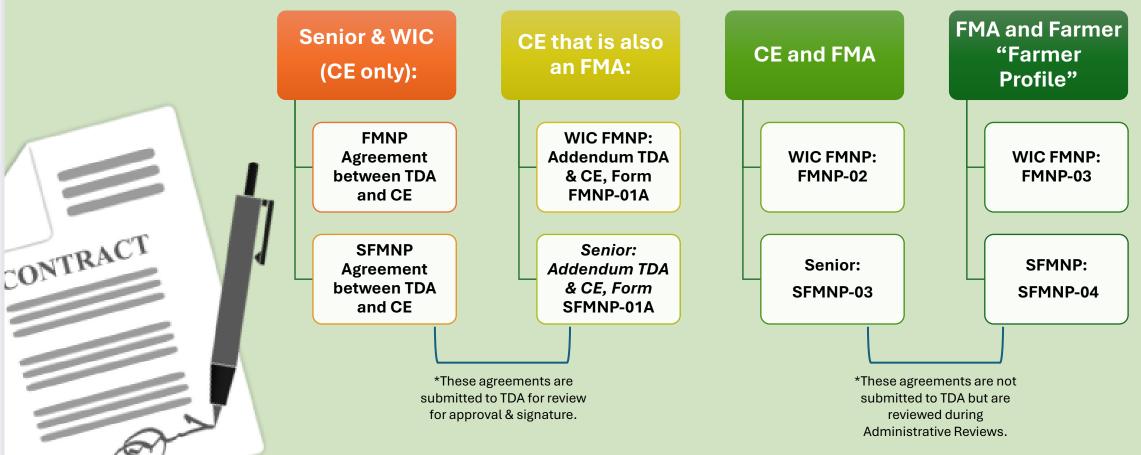


I. AGREEMENTS/ CONTRACT PACKET RENEWALS

S/FMNP Agreements

The following agreements are executed every 3 years, unless there is a new CE, FMA, and/or farmer:

*New 3-year cycle begins PY 25-PY 27



*If you are a CE & FMA, please enter that information in the chat.

S/FMNP Annual Contract Renewals in TXUNPS



1/16/25: CE's due date to submit agreements and contract packets to PES and TXUNPS.

1/31/25: PES team will review and approve S/FMNP Contract Packets in TXUNPS

A CE may not receive their new PY vouchers until TDA approves required documents.

* If not submitted on time, PES will request for a corrective action plan.

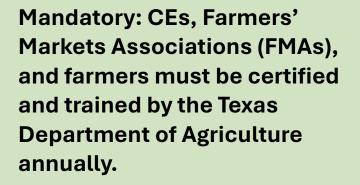


II. S/FMNP PROGRAM OPERATIONS





Authorizing Farmers' Markets, Associations & Farmers





Markets must consist of (2) or more farmers selling most of their own produce.



Farmers must sell eligible foods & meet merchantable quality.



75% of agriculture products sold at markets, must be grown in Texas.

* You may also sell produce from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and/or Louisiana.

* Produce from Mexico is not allowed



Farmers' Market Certification Application

Annually, markets must be TDA certified to participate in the S/FMNP.

- PY 24 FM certificates expire December 31
- Now accepting PY 25 applications

PY 25 TDA Application

• TDA FM Application is now online via JotForm at: https://form.jotform.com/241835716350153

E-Certificate

- The application will be reviewed & an invoice will be emailed to CE/FMA
- An E-Certificate will be emailed once TDA processes your payment.

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(800) 877-8339

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Club Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, 1091 Vanhington, O.C. 20250-5410: or

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Farmers' Markets Posters

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Posters

- Individual farmers must prominently display 'vendor poster' advertising that they will accept S/FMNP vouchers.
- Must have their vendor ID number clearly displayed.
- TDA will send these out digitally for CEs to print on their own.

And **Justice** For All "AJFA"

- Posters should also be displayed in prominent areas during S/FMNP market hours.
- No USDA updates on poster; May continue to print.

WIC FMNP Eligible Foods

Only eligible produce may be purchased/redeemed with S/FMNP Vouchers.

Apples	Cantaloupes	Figs	<mark>Limes</mark>	Pears	Strawberries
Apricots	Carambola/Star Fruit	Garlic	Melons	Peas (Shelled)	Sweet Potatoes
Artichokes	Carrots	Grapefruit	Micro Greens	Peppers	Swiss Chard
Asparagus	Cauliflower	Green Onions	Mushrooms	Persimmons	Table Grapes
Beans	Celery	Greens/tops	Mustard Greens	Plums	Tomatoes
Beets	Collard Greens	Head Lettuce	Nectarines	Potatoes	Turnips
Blackberries	Corn	Herbs (fresh cut)	Okra	Pumpkins	Watermelons
Blueberries	Cucumbers	Kale	Onions	Radishes	
Broccoli	Dates	Kohlrabi	Oranges	Raspberries	
Brussels Sprouts	Dewberries	Leaf Lettuce	Papaya	Spinach	
Cabbage	Dragon Fruit	Leeks	Parsnips	Sprouts	
Cactus/Nopales/ Prickly Pear	Eggplants	Lemons	Peaches	Squash	

WIC FMNP Disallowed/Not Eligible Foods:

Following items may be sold at markets but must not be redeemed by S/FMNP vouchers.

Dried Fruits	Flowers	Processed Foods
Aloe Vera	Honey, raw or processed	Roasted Peppers
Baked Goods	Jams	Seafood
Cheese	Meat	Seeds
Cider	Non-food items	Sun-dried Tomatoes
Decorative Gourds	Nuts of any kind	Syrup
Dried Chili Peppers	Pecans	Wild Rice
Dried/Potted Herbs	Picante Sauce	
Dried Fruits/Vegetables	Potted Fruits or vegetable plants	
Eggs	Preserves	



Senior FMNP Eligible Foods

Only eligible produce may be purchased/redeemed with S/FMNP Vouchers.

Apples	Cantaloupes	Figs	Lemons	Peaches	Squash
Apricots	<mark>Carambola/Star</mark> Fruit	Garlic	<u>Limes</u>	Pears	Strawberries
Artichokes	Carrots	Grapefruit	Melons	Peas (Shelled)	Sweet Potatoes
Asparagus	Cauliflower	Green Onions	Micro Greens	Peppers	Swiss Chard
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Cabbage	Dragon Fruit	Leaf Lettuce	Papaya	Spinach	
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^{*} For Senior Participants: Honey is allowed to be purchased with SFMNP Vouchers only.



SFMNP: Disallowed Foods

Following items may be sold at markets but must not be redeemed by S/FMNP vouchers.

pasted Peppers
Seafood
Seeds
-dried Tomatoes
Syrup
Wild Rice

Operating S/FMNP Farmers' Markets & Roadside Stands Reminders



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Develop and provide instructions on how the S/FMNP operates, including the process for redeeming vouchers.

Display and clearly label prices for S/FMNP Eligible Foods.

Best Practice:
Separate the
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produce and
mark those items
as non- S/FMNP.

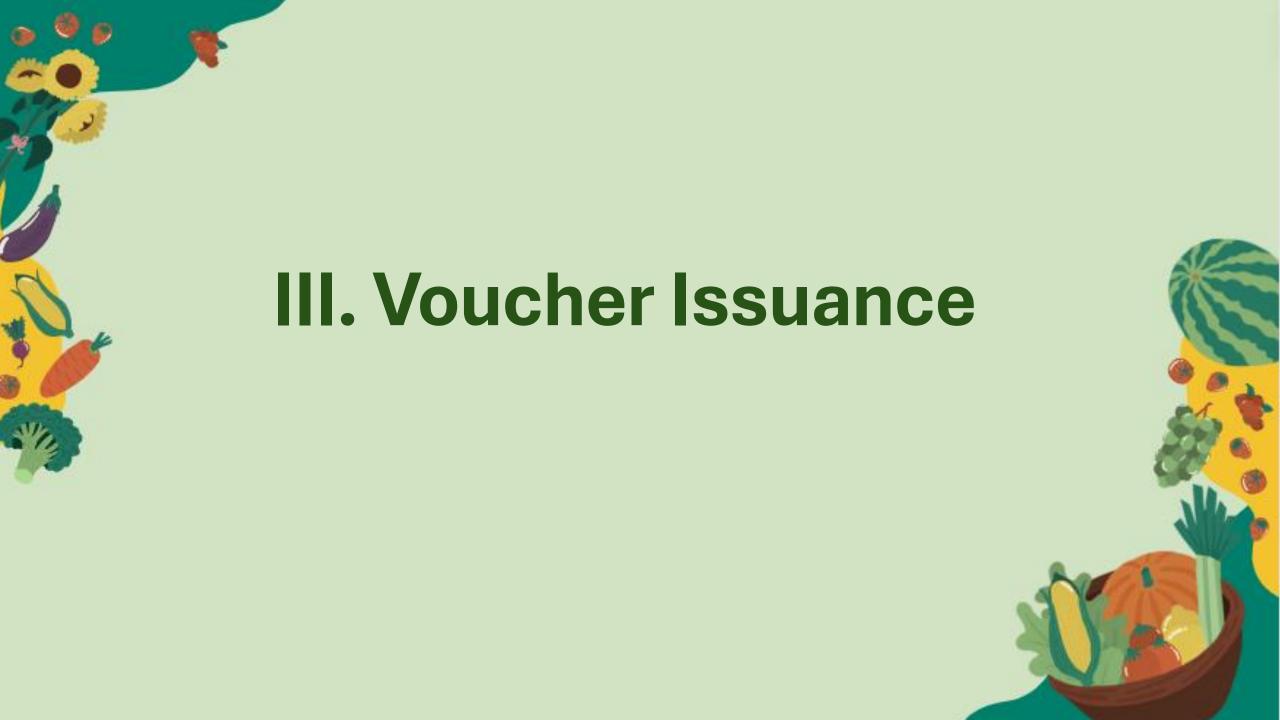
Encourage S/FMNP participants to return to the markets and utilize any unused vouchers.



Operating S/FMNP Farmers' Markets & Roadside Stands Reminders

Instruct
participants
on how to use
S/FMNP
Vouchers at
markets.





Ordering Vouchers & Posters

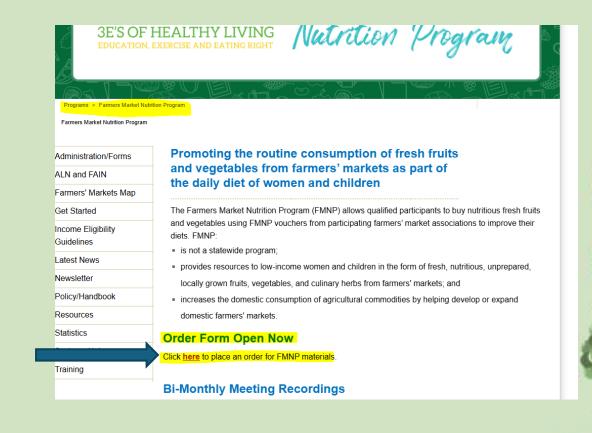
S/FMNP voucher sheets & posters will be ordered via SquareMeals.org

TDA will review the CE's Order Request before approving.

Once approved, fulfillment vendor will FedEx vouchers, to include tracking number.

Voucher Issuance begins February 1 – September 30th. Season varies between CEs.

Each CE has an allocated amount of vouchers they may order.



*Note: For the SFMNP, there are less vouchers printed due to the funding of program

FMNP: Voucher Issuance

For PY 25, each eligible FMNP participant will receive <u>a dark hunter</u> green perforated sheet of (5) vouchers & 1 cover sheet

FMNP- Total value \$30.00/ \$6.00 each voucher

*Participant Signature line has been removed. Please have the participant enter the date of redemption.

Farmer must enter their Vendor ID number and/or stamp



Voucher Issuance: SFMNP

PY 25, Each eligible SFMNP participant will receive a turquoise blue perforated sheet of (5) vouchers & 1 cover sheet

SFMNP- Due to the ARPA **Grant:**

Total value \$50.00/ \$10.00 each voucher.

*Participant Signature line has been removed. Please have the participant enter the date of redemption.

Farmer must enter their Vendor ID number and/or stamp

2025 SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM <<Vouch# - Vouch#>> COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

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No Change Issued

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02/01/25 - 10/31/25

Participants MUST

Redeem Vouchers by

10/31/25

\$10.00

This voucher is good for the purchase of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown vegetables, fruits, and herbs for human consumption from SEA

- . Pay to the order of author
- Vendor MUST have an or . NOT valid at grocery store

Date Voucher Redeemed

*End date of use may be sooner based on your location

SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET VENDOR NUMBER HERE NUTRITION PROGRAM

This voucher is good for the purchase of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown vegetables, fruits, and herbs for human consumption from SFMNP certified farmer. Any other use constitutes fraud.

- Pay to the order of authorized Farmers' Market Vendor
- Vendor MUST have an official SFMNP Number
- · NOT valid at grocery stores

Date Voucher Redeemed

*End date of use may be sooner based on your loca

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- · Pay to the order of authorized Farmers' Market Vendo Vendor MUST have an official SFMNP Number
- · NOT valid at grocery stores

02/01/25 - 10/31/25 Participants MUST Redeem Vouchers by 10/31/25

\$10.00

Date Voucher Redeemed

*End date of use may be sooner based on your location

SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET VENDOR NUMBER HERE **NUTRITION PROGRAM**

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This voucher is good for the purchase of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown vegetables, fruits, and herbs for human consumption from SFMNP certified farmer. Any other use constitutes fraud.

Pay to the order of authorized Farmers' Market Vendor

- · Vendor MUST have an official SFMNP Number
- NOT valid at grocery stores Date Voucher Redeemed

10/31/25 \$10.00

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Participants MUST

Redeem Vouchers by

SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET VENDOR NUMBER HERE NUTRITION PROGRAM

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- Pay to the order of authorized Farmers' Market Vendo
- Vendor MUST have an official SFMNP Number
- · NOT valid at grocery stores

Date Voucher Redeemed

PY 25: Last PY to operate the SFMNP ARPA GRANT. Value will go back to \$20/\$4.00 per voucher.



Voucher Issuance

Allocation of S/FMNP Vouchers

- TDA determines the number of vouchers each CE may order within a PY.
- TDA communicates amount to each CE
- Voucher Redistribution may occur if a CE cannot utilize their allocated amount. Another CE may place an order for the remaining vouchers.

WIC Participants (FMNP):

- Annually, 1 FMNP Sheets is given per eligible participant in the household (Pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum women, children (1-5 years of age), Infants (over 4 months) on a first come, first serve basis.
- Must show proof of WIC eligibility to receive vouchers (shopping list).
- No Dual Participation Complete Voucher Issuance Log
- May use a Proxy and list them under the voucher issuance log

Senior Participants (SFMNP):

- **Application Process**: Annually, senior applicants must complete the SFMNP Application, H1430
- Eligibility Criteria: Must be 60 years of age or older, must meet income guidelines, must show proof of ID, must reside in the CE's service area
- **Voucher Distribution:** 1 SFMNP sheet per eligible participant in the household, distributed annually on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- No Dual Participation Complete Voucher Issuance Log
- May use a proxy, but must be designated in writing via application form or signed statement

WIC Shopping List Slide Example Paper vs Electronic

Family Benefit Issuance: Family Benefit Issuance: 5077171036003155025 05/01/2024-05/31/2024 - Dynamics 3

Smart Choices - Healthy Families
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Texas WIC Shopping List

 Parent/Guardian:
 Emily TXDLWMarch
 Date:
 Mar 20, 2024

 PAN:
 5077171036003155025
 Time:
 2:27 PM

 Next
 TXDLWMarch- Reload Card
 Clinic:
 Fallbrook WIC Center

Appointment: After Online Class

Appointment May 30, 2024, 6:00 PM

Date/Time:

To report a Lost or Stolen card, call: 1-800-942-3678

For questions about benefits, or if your card does not work in the store, call your clinic: (713) 407-5800 For Texas WIC information: Go to TexasWIC.org

BENEFITS ISSUED FOR THE MONTHS OF:

SHOPPING LIST ITEMS	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024
BREAD/TORTILLAS/RICE/OAT/P ASTA	3.00 lb	3.00 lb	3.00 lb
CEREAL	72.00 ounce	72.00 ounce	72.00 ounce
CHEESE	2.00 lb	2.00 lb	2.00 lb
DRY OR CAN BEANS/PEANUT BUTTER	3.00 item	3.00 item	3.00 item
EGGS SM/MED/LG/XLG/JUMBO	2.00 dozen	2.00 dozen	2.00 dozen
FRUITS and/OR VEGETABLES	73.00 value	73.00 value	73.00 value
JUICE 48 OZ and/OR 12 OZ FRZ	3.00 can	3.00 can	3.00 can
JUICE 64 OZ and/OR 16 OZ FRZ	2.00 can	2.00 can	2.00 can
LOW/NONFAT YOGRT OR MILK SKIM 1%	1.00 quart	1.00 quart	1.00 quart
WHOLE FAT YOGURT OR MILK	1.00 quart	1.00 quart	1.00 quart
WHOLE MILK ONLY	3.00 gal	3.00 gal	3.00 gal

DROP SHIP ITEMS	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024
Dropship-238-DUOCAL PWD 400G	6.00 can	13.00 can	13.00 can

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CLIENT/CID	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024
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Ellie TXDLWMarch / 00002275216	Infant/4/1000/238/ 6.00	Infant/4/1000/238/ 13.00	Infant/4/1000/238/ 13.00
Emily TXDLWMarch / 00002275200	Pregnant/4/2002	Pregnant/4/2002	Pregnant/4/2002

Name of WIC Participants Eligibility Dates

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With myWIC you can schedule upcoming appointments, upload documents, view benefits, and much more.





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Manage your appointments Schedule, change, and view your appointments



Current and future benefits
View your monthly benefits and track your purchases



Tailored shopping experience
Use the shopping guide and scanner to get
the most out of your benefits



Guided certifications

Use a step-by-step process for uploading documents before your WIC appointment



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Voucher Issuance

Each participant must receive instructions on how to redeem vouchers, to include:

WIC & Senior participants:

- Locations and hours of operations for participating Farmers' markets and roadside stands.
- List of participating farmers, farmers' markets & roadside stands where vouchers may be redeemed.
- Description of Eligible Foods.
- Prohibition of cash exchange for vouchers.
- Complaint Procedures.
- Procedures to designate a proxy

SFMNP Only:

 Participants shall read or be read to, the Participant Rights & Responsibilities (can be found on the Participation Application Form).

LOCATIONS

Pica Pica Plaza

910 SE Military Dr San Antonio, TX 78214 Every Friday thru Oct (except 5/24/24) 9 AM - 1 PM

San Antonio Food Bank

5200 Historic Old Hwy 90 San Antonio, TX 78227 Every 2nd Saturday thru Oct (start 6/8/2024) Every 3rd Monday thru Sept (start 6/17/24) (except 7/15/24 10 AM - 1 PM

New Braunfels Food Bank

1620 S. Seguin Ave New Braunfels, TX 78130 Every 1st Monday thru Aug, Last Chance 9/3/24 10 AM - 1 PM



Callaghan WIC

4412 Čallaghan San Antonio, TX 78228 Every 4th Thursday thru Oct 9 AM - 1 PM

> Questions? Call 210-431-8346

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

WIC PARTICIPANTS

- Each WIC participant (eligible women and children) can receive \$30 in vouchers to spend at participating Farmers' Markets.
- Bring your "SHOPPING LIST" to the markets listed.
 Vouchers distributed until 30 Sept 2024.
- · ONE PER PERSON PER YEAR, while supplies last.
- · Vouchers can be used until 31 Oct 2024.

SENIOR PARTICIPANTS

- Adults 60 and older who meet the income guidelines can receiv \$50 in youchers to spend at participating Farmers' Markets.
- Bring your ID to the Farmers Market listed.
- Vouchers distributed until 30 Sept 2024.
- . ONE PER PERSON PER YEAR, while supplies last,
- Vouchers can be used until 31 Oct 2024
- . Seniors may use vouchers for honey.

ALLOWED FOODS

Apples	Cactus	Dragon fruit	Leaf Lettuce	Oranges	Radishes
Apricots	Cantaloupes	Eggplants	Leeks	Papaya	Rasberries
Artichokes	Carrots	Figs	Lemons	Parsnips	Spinach
Asparagus	Carambola	Garlic	Limes	Peaches	Sprouts
Beans	Cauliflower	Grapefruit	Melons	Pears	Squash
Beets	Celery	Green onions	Microgreens	Peas (shelled)	Strawberries
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Blueberries	Corn	Head Lettuce	Mustard Greens	Persimmons	Swiss Chard
Broccoli	Cucumbers	Herbs (fresh cut)	Nectarines	Plums	Table grapes
Brussels Sprouts	Dates	Kale	Okra	Potatoes	Tomatoes
Cabbage	Dewberries	Kohlrabi	Onions	Pumpkins	Turnips
A7700700			*Seniors may us	e vouchers for Honey*	Watermelons

Participant Rights and Responsibilities

- Participants have the right to a fair hearing.
- . It is not allowed to participate in the FMNP with more than one CE.
- Participants must be provided a complete list of all locations of participating Farmers' Markets.
- . No cash/change will be given for the voucher. Lost, stolen or expired vouchers will not be replaced.
- You may assign a proxy on your behalf

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SFMNP Only: Voucher Issuance

Eligibility Determinations

- CEs must determine an applicant's status as either Eligible, Eligible & on a waiting list, or Ineligible within 15 days from the date of application.
- If placed on a waiting list, the CE must document the applicants: name, address/phone number, & date placed on a waiting list.
- Applicants must be notified in writing if they do not meet eligibility criteria, including their right to a fair hearing.
- May utilize the Participant Application form.

Proxy

- A person designated by the participant to act on their behalf throughout the SFMNP process.
- Responsibilities: May apply for certification, receive and redeem SFMNP vouchers at authorized farmers' market and/or roadside stands.
- Designation: May occur at any time during the PY but must be done in writing via the Participant Application (Form H1430) or a signed statement (written note).



Participant Voucher Issuance Log*

Voucher Log Revised September 2024

- Excel Spreadsheet
- Drop down box for participant category
- Includes Senior

CE/FMA

- Ensure booklet serial numbers are recorded on log
- Protect participant confidentiality

Record Keeping

- Reviewed during Administrative Reviews
- Utilize for data collection

You may create you own voucher issuance log

• Meet minimum federal criteria

Texas Department of Agriculture	Participant Voucher Issuance Log September 2		Participant Voucher Issuance Log		September 2024
Contracting Entity: Program:			Date Vouchers Issued:		
Market/Site Name:					
Participant Name	Proxy Name	Participant Category	Voucher Serial Numbers	Staff Initials	Other Contact Info
			▼		
		Pregnant			
		Breastfeeding			
		Post Partum			
		Infant (4 months+)			
		Child (1 yr-5 yr)			
		Senior]		





Voucher Management & Security

Responsibility: CEs, FMAs, and farmers are responsible for the management and security of vouchers throughout the Program Year.

Security Protocol:

Vouchers must be securely stored at all times:

- o At the CE location
- o During transfers to markets
- oThroughout market hours
- After redemption

Delegation: CEs may delegate voucher management and distribution responsibilities to FMAs.



Voucher Management & Security

The CE must maintain written procedures for voucher management & security to include the following:

Before Issuance:

Receipt, Storage, & Security of vouchers at the CE location.

Transportation & Security: Secure transfer of voucher booklets from the CE to distribution sites/markets.

Issuance Procedures:

Security measures and instructions for voucher booklet distribution at the site/market.

Voucher Distribution:

Issuance of vouchers to participants in a secure and controlled manner

Improper Issuance Resolution: System for identifying and addressing any voucher issuance problems or discrepancies at the site(s)/markets.

*Process reviewed during Administrative Review



Voucher Redemption



 Runs from February 1 to October 31 of each program year.

Voucher Redemption:

 Participants may only redeem vouchers for eligible S/FMNP produce.

Farmer Requirements:

- Farmers must include their vendor numbers on each voucher.
- A stamp containing the vendor number may be used.









Voucher Redemption

Farmers

 Submit their redeemed vouchers to their FMA weekly/monthly.

FMA

- Review each voucher for its validity (dates, farmer's vendor number, and current program year)
- Complete a Voucher Redemption List
- Submit vouchers & list to the CE

CE

- Verifies and reconciles redeemed vouchers with the Voucher Redemption List
- Processes claims for reimbursement in TXUNPS
- Receives
 reimbursement &
 provides payment to
 the FMA/farmers.

Nutrition Program* (SFMNP)		rket Nutrition
Nutrition Program* (SEMNP)	Program** (FMNP)	
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Farmer's Name	Number of Vouchers	Dollar Amou
	Total No. of	Total \$ Amount
	Farmer's Name	Vouchers

February 2014

Instructions: Please submit vouchers and this redemption list form monthly to your contracting entity.

"SFMNP vouchers are worth \$4.00 each. Multiply the number of vouchers by 4 to calculate the doll amount.
"FMNP vouchers are worth \$6.00 each. Multiply the number of vouchers by 6 to calculate the doll amount."

* December 15th- Last day a CE has to submit a Claim for Reimbursement to TDA

Voucher Redemption Reminders

Price Consistency:

 Must not charge more to S/FMNP customers than to non-S/FMNP customers for the same foods.

Voucher Redemption:

• Do not redeem S/FMNP vouchers for less than their full value.

Cash Transactions:

• Do not provide cash change or require cash to be paid for S/FMNP eligible foods.

Unredeemed or Lost Vouchers:

• Do not seek restitution/do not bill or attempt to collect payment for lost or unredeemed vouchers.

Sales Tax:

 Must not collect sales tax on S/FMNP produce purchases.





Voucher Redemption Reminders

Do not accept Invalid Vouchers and report lost vouchers to TDA.

Missing farmer's vendor identification number

Missing Redeemed/sale date Vouchers redeemed after "Dates of Use"

Forged/altered or from another PY

Vouchers from the county/different programs

Lost or stolen vouchers

Voucher Redemption

The CE must maintain written procedures for the reconciliation & redemption of vouchers to include:

Voucher Validity Determinations

- The CE must verify the validity of each voucher by checking:
 - Lost or stolen vouchers through tracking systems
 - Expired vouchers by comparing issue and expiration dates.
 - Inconsistencies with issuance log or redemption list by cross-referencing voucher details

Error Reduction in Transactions

- The CE must implement measures to reduce S/FMNP voucher discrepancy errors:
 - Regularly updating and reconciling transaction records
 - Utilizing automated systems to flag discrepancies or invalid vouchers
 - Providing training and guidance to staff to ensure proper handling and processing

Voucher Redemption The CE must maintain written procedures for the reconciliation & redemption of vouchers to include:

Handling Redeemed Vouchers without Issuance Records

- Investigate the discrepancy, checking for errors in the issuance system/logs.
- Contact participants or farmers to clarify voucher details.
- Mark the voucher as invalid if no issuance record can be located.

Disposal of Invalid or Unused Vouchers at End of PY

- TDA will communicate to CEs at the end of the PY on how to dispose unused vouchers.
- CEs will collect and destroy expired, or unused vouchers to prevent future misuse.
- Follow established procedures for destroying invalid vouchers.



Training

01

TDA conducts an annual training for participating S/FMNP CEs.

02

CEs will annually conduct training for their staff, FMAs, and farmers on required topics.

03

Any CE, FMA, and farmer that is participating for their first year must be trained by TDA. *

*Note: Trainings may be interactive (face-to-face or via teams/zoom meetings).

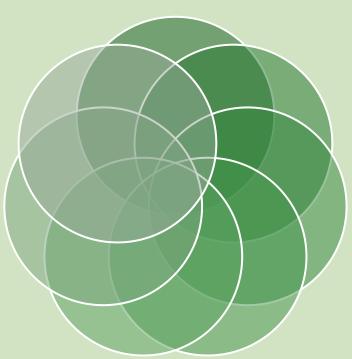


S/FMNP Training

• Identification of eligible foods

 Record keeping and document retention requirements.

 Civil rights compliance and guidelines; Complaints & grievances process



 Proper voucher redemption procedures, including deadlines for submission of vouchers

> Equal treatment of participants

 Voucher cancellation procedures Voucher security, storage, and distribution



Civil rights compliance and guidelines; Complaints & grievances process

- > CEs must train staff and volunteers before they initially assume any S/FMNP duty and each program year thereafter.
- Any person or representative alleging discrimination based on a prohibited basis has the right to file a complaint within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory action. Complaints can be written or verbal. If the complainant makes a verbal complaint, the person to whom the allegation is made must write up the elements of the complaint and should make every effort to obtain the following information:
 - •Name, address, and telephone number or other means of contacting the complainant;
 - The specific location and name of the organization participating in S/FMNP;
 - The nature of the incident or action that led to the complaint of discrimination;
 - •The basis on which the complainant believes discrimination exists (race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex);
 - The names, telephone numbers, titles, and business or personal address of persons that may have knowledge of the alleged discriminatory action; and
 - The date(s) during which the alleged discriminatory action(s) occurred or, if continuing, the duration of such action(s).
- If a civil rights complaint is filed, the CE must forward it to USDA immediately. The complaints should be sent to:

USDA Food and Nutrition Service

Attn: Regional Civil Rights Director

1100 Commerce St.

Dallas, Texas 75242

In addition to notifying USDA, all civil rights complaints must also be forwarded to TDA immediately. CEs may submit TDA's complaint form on behalf of the complainant via TDA's Complaints form (https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/063062f61d4d42e590290cbddb4ea35b) located on the S/FMNP Administration/Forms page on SquareMeals.org. Finally, CEs, subdistributing agencies, and distribution sites are also required to provide the complainants with contact information for USDA for filing a civil rights complaint3 and explain that a complaint of a violation of their civil rights may be made directly to USDA.



CEs must conduct on-site reviews of a minimum of 10% of farmers & 10% of farmers markets to include the highest risk farmers and markets.

The CE must develop a system to identify high risk farmers and markets. *Will be reviewed during Administrative Reviews.

High-Risk Indicators: High volume of FMNP voucher redemptions by one farmer in a market, participant complaint(s), and/or first year participation



Annually, CEs are required to monitor 10% farmers, markets, and/or roadside stands.



Update: S/FMNP Market, Farmer & Roadside Stand Review Tool – Revised November 2023



Compliance buys, or test buys, may be performed to make sure vendors are observing all regulations regarding sales to S/FMNP participants.

Texas Department Farmers' Market Review
Of Agriculture November 2023

S/FMNP Market, Farmer, and Roadside Stand Review

	ion I. Review Information acting Entity (CE)/CE ID:	Date of Review:				
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_ Fa	ram(s) Reviewed: rmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) nior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)					
Name	of Reviewer:	Title:				
Name	of Market or Roadside Stand Reviewed:	Type of Site (Rec Voucher Issuan Redemption, etc	ce &			
Name	e(s) of Farmer(s) Reviewed (include Farmers' Mar	ot Accoriation):				
		Texas Department Of Agriculture		Fan	mers' Market Novemb	Review ber 2023
		Section III. Interv				
				interviews with recipients, market man	agers and/o	r
2.1 2.2 2.3	ion II. Market Review & Voucher Redemp Was a farmers' market/roadside stand observed for S/FMNP? Is the "And Justice For All" Poster prominently dis Does each farmer have a vendor poster displayed sl are authorized to redeem S/FMNP vouchers to incl vendor ID number?	farmers that took pla	ace during this r	review.		
	If no, list the farmers that did not have the poster d and/or their vendor ID number:					
2.4	Are individual farmers displaying prices for S/FMI Foods during market hours?					
	If no, list the farmers not displaying prices for S/FI foods:					
2.5	Are vouchers kept secure during issuance and/or re	Section IV. Findin	ogs and Corre	ective Action		
	Describe:			dentified during this review? If Yes, list	the Yes	No
2.6	Were vouchers redeemed by participants valid? If 1	findings and correct		dentined during this review? If res, list	the res	No
2.0	describe:					
		Signature of Review	er	Date	_	
		Signature of Market	Manager		_	



Areas of noncompliance/findings are referred to as "infractions"

Point system per "infraction"

If the market and/or farmer reaches "15 points", the CE may sanction/disqualify them from participating in the S/FMNP

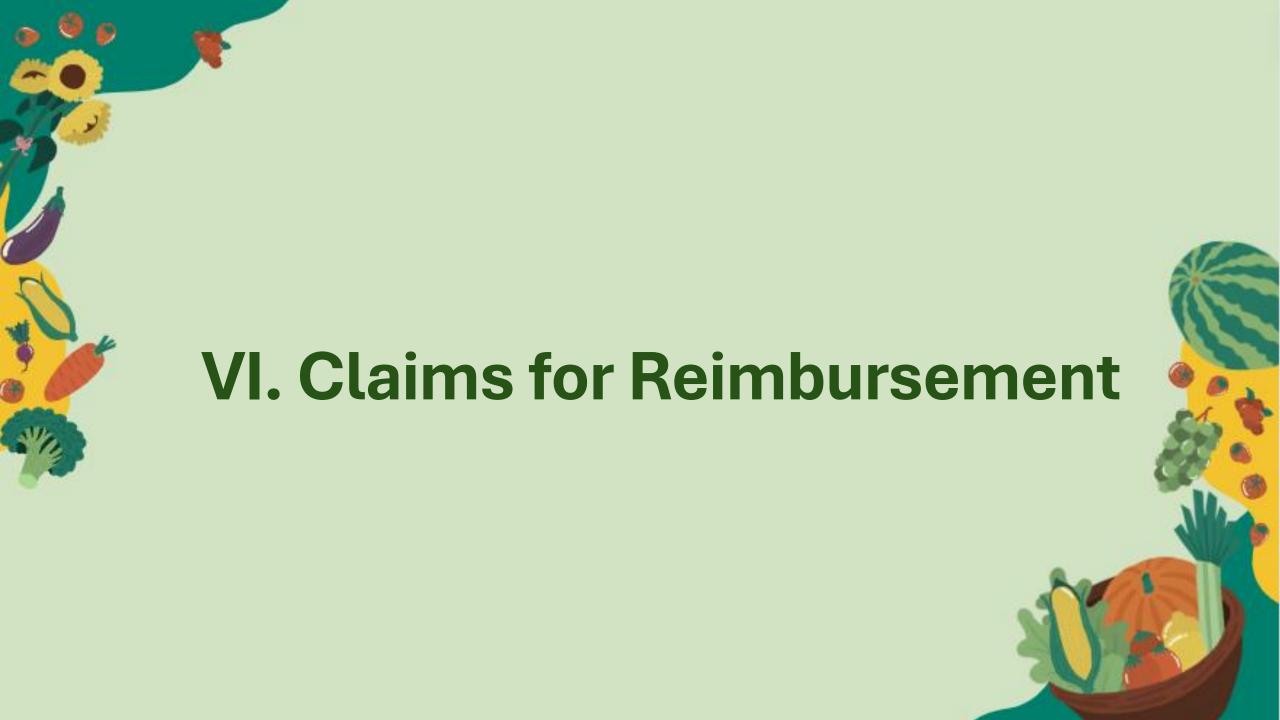
	Infraction	Explanation/Example	Points
1	Redemption of invalid vouchers: • Redeemed after end date	Must not exceed 5% of redeemed vouchers	1 Point
2	Providing unauthorized food or goods, except for firearms, ammunition, or controlled substances as defined in 21 USC 802 (including alcohol and tobacco), which have a higher points penalty. See #9 below.	Nuts or Clothing	5 Points
3	Charging FMNP customers more than other customers	\$6.00 worth of food for a participant is less than for a non-participant	5 Points
4	Requiring cash to be paid by FMNP participants in addition to voucher		5 Points
5	Asking FMNP participants to pay for vouchers not redeemed by TDA		5 Points
6	Falsifying information on vouchers	Date redeemed	5 Points
7	Charging for food items not received	Rain checks	5 Points



Sanctions: The CE may disqualify any farmer or farmers' market from participation in the S/FMNP by PY if the sanction score reaches 15+ points.

Total Number of Points	nts Disqualification Period			
15 Points	1 Year	May not accept vouchers for the current program year		
20 Points	2 Years	May not accept vouchers for the current program year and the next program year		
25 Points	3 Years	May not accept vouchers for the current program year and the next two program years		





Claims for Reimbursement & Deadlines

Monthly, CEs must submit S/FMNP claims for reimbursements into TXUNPS.

CEs may submit claims from February-December 15 of each PY.

Ensure accurate data/numbers are being entered into TXUNPS.



FMNP Administrative Funding

Each CE receives \$.90 of Administrative Funding per voucher redeemed.

CE's will also receive the total dollar amount of vouchers redeemed per claim period (\$6.00/voucher)

Any leftover Administrative monies will be reallocated to CEs per the CE's claim for reimbursement, refer to #10-18 of claim.

FMNP Administrative Funding

Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) Claim Information		
2.	Total number of farmers' markets reporting this claim period:	1
3	Total number of farmers redeeming claims represented this claim period:	5
4.	Total number of vouchers distributed to participants this claim period:	1,245
5.	Total number of vouchers disallowed this claim period. (Includes: unsigned vouchers, undated vouchers, vouchers not dated for current year, vouchers without the farmer's ID number.)	0
6.	Total number of vouchers redeemed by farmers:	752
7.	Total Administrative Expenses based on number of vouchers redeemed this claim period (# vouchers redeemed x \$0.90):	\$676.80
8.	Total dollar amount of vouchers redeemed [total number of vouchers redeemed during this claim period $x 6.00 (value of individual voucher)]:	\$4,512.00
9.	Total Voucher Reimbursable Expenses (add \$ amounts of items 7 and 8)	\$5.188.80
	Approved Reimbursement Amount:	\$4,512.00



SMNP Administrative Funding

CE's will receive the total dollar amount of vouchers redeemed per claim period (\$10.00/voucher)

If any remaining SFMNP administrative monies are remaining, it will get allocated to CEs.

SFMNP Administrative Funding

Se	nior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)	
Cla	nim Information	
1.	Number of Sub-Agencies:	0
2.	Number of Farmers' Markets:	3
3.	Number of Farmers Redeeming Claims:	2
4.	Number of Vouchers Distributed:	1,520
5.	Number of Participants Receiving Bulk Purchased Foods: (bulk purchase distribution must equal \$20 in value per recipient)	0
6.	Total Number of Vouchers Disallowed: (Includes: unsigned vouchers, undated vouchers, vouchers not dated for current year, vouchers without the farmer's ID number)	0
7.	Number of Vouchers Redeemed By Farmers:	1,262
8.	Value of Voucher:	\$10.00
9.	Total Value of Vouchers Redeemed:	\$12,620.00
	Approved Reimbursement Amount:	\$12,620.00



CE's expenses for planning, organizing, & managing the S/FMNP (salaries, transportation, outreach)

Must be reasonable & necessary

Be verifiable/adequately documented



Unallowable Costs may never be claimed for reimbursement

Cannot be counted towards the State matching requirement

*Do not enter any State Matching on claims for reimbursements

Allowable & Unallowable Costs examples

Allowable

- Tents
- First Aid Kit
- Tablets
- Outreach/Nutrition Education materials
- Conferences
- Mileage to markets

Unallowable

- Vehicle
- Lunch and snacks purchased for staff and attendees
- Coffee & Cups for staff in breakroom
- Claiming travel reimbursement without supporting documentation such as mileage form.

VI. Claims for Reimbursement & Deadlines

1/13/25: USDA FNS 683 A&B

1/16: S/FMNP Agreements & Renewal

Packets due to TDA

1/17: TDA S/FMNP Annual Training

1/31: TDA approves S/FMNP Contract

Renewal Packets

Last day for Voucher Issuance to participants

11/10: State Plan data due

11/15: Farmers submit redeemed

vouchers to FMA

11/30: FMA submit redeemed vouchers

to CE

Feb Oct. 31

Jan.

Sept. 30th

Nov.

2/1: CE to begin ordering vouchers from TDA/FMA

2/1: Begin voucher issuance & Redemption, if applicable

2/1: CEs to begin their annual training with staff, FMA, and farmers

Last day participants may redeem vouchers

12/15: Last day to submit claims for reimbursement to TDA

Dec.

* FMA should be submitting redeemed vouchers to CE monthly

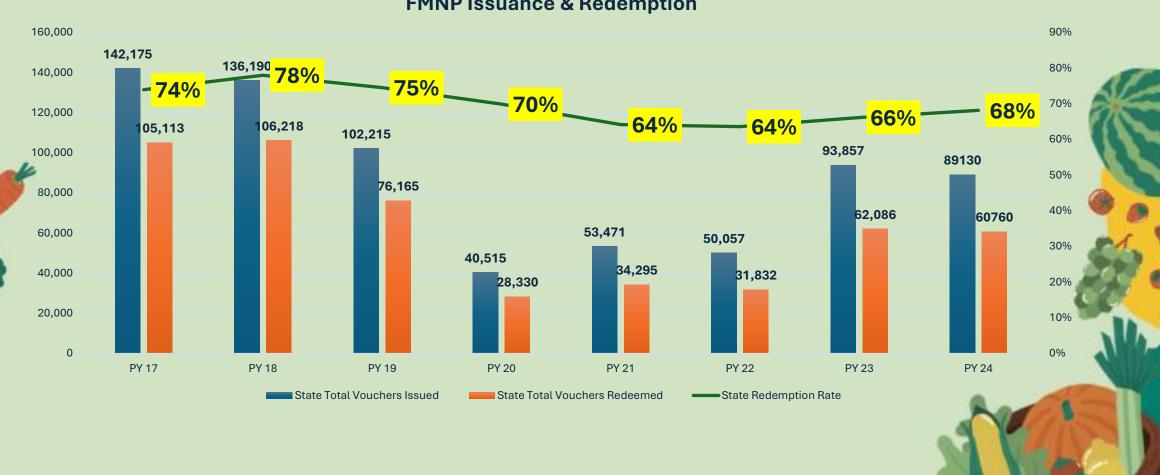


VII. Other:

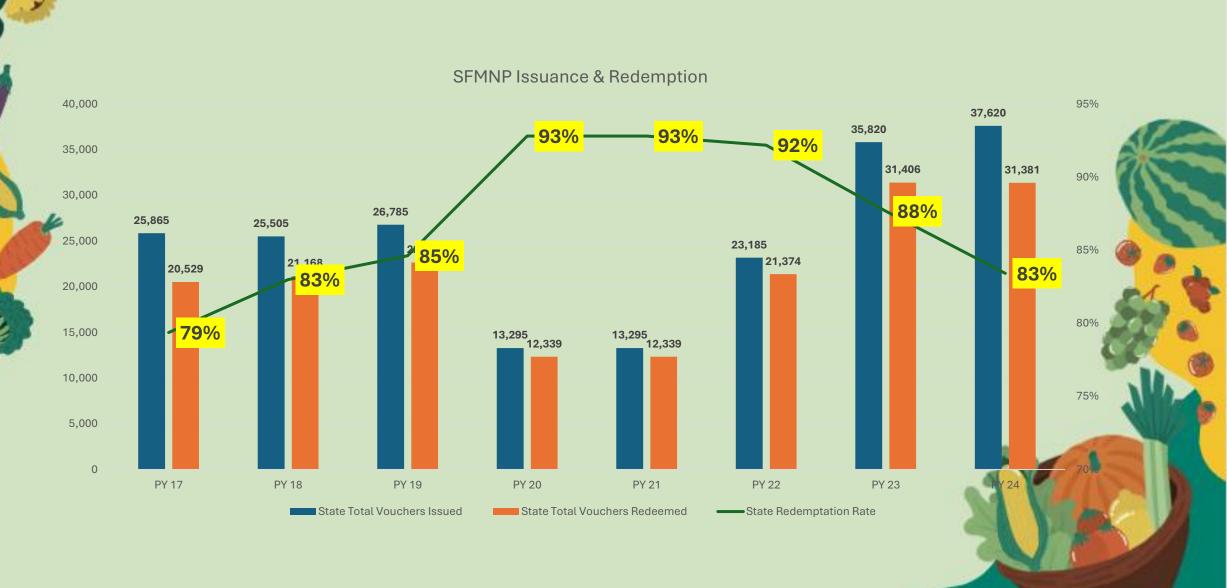


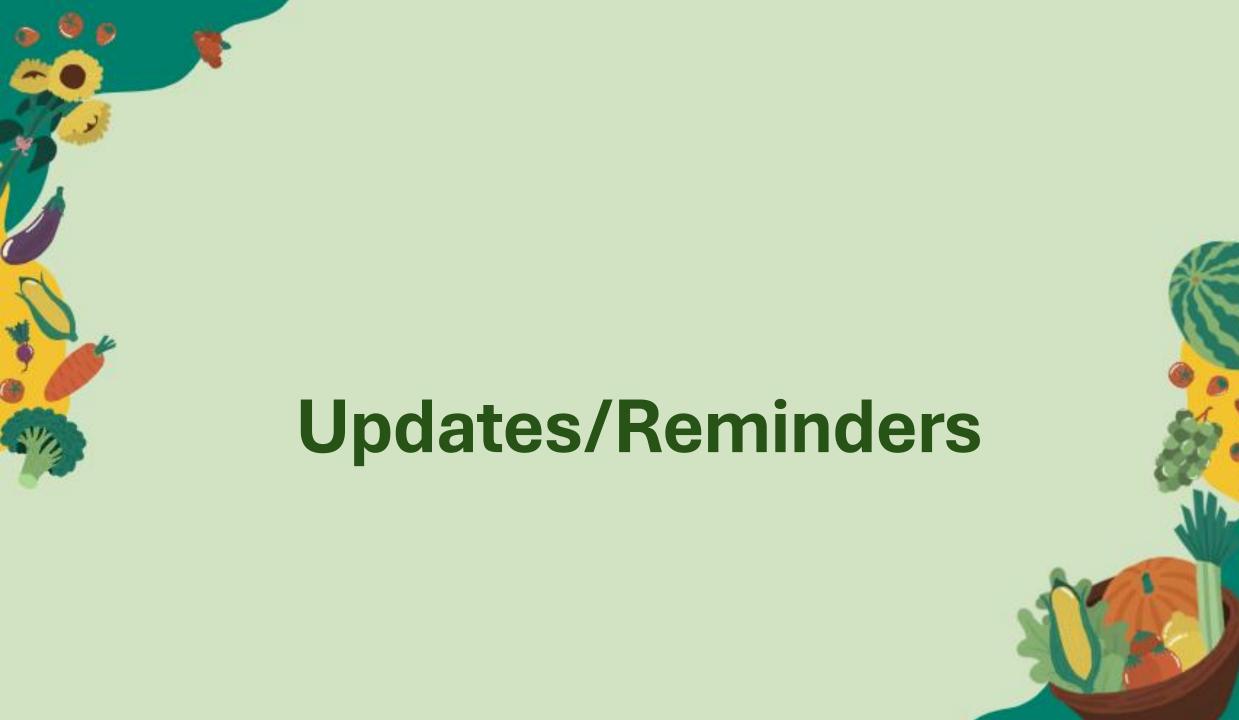
Issuance and Redemption FMNP:





Issuance & Redemption SFMNP:







AJFA Posters

State and local agencies may continue to display the 2019 *And Justice for All* poster **OR** the current *And Justice for All* posters for *SNAP and FDPIR* (AD-475-B Blue) and for *All Other Nutrition Assistance Programs* (AD-475-A Green). The current posters can be found on the FNS website at: <u>And Justice for All Posters (Guidance and Translations)</u> Food and Nutrition Service

State agencies can download and print the posters in the required 11x17 size and 14 Point font if they have the capability to do so.



All Other FNS Nutrition Assistance Programs (AD-475A)

This is the Special Nutrition and Safety (SNAS) and Child Nutrition (CN) Programs version that should be used in offices, schools, and other sites that administer Special Nutrition Programs (including WIC).



AJFA Posters

Which versions of the posters are not acceptable for use/out of compliance

- There will be a finding of noncompliance if a state or local agency has an And Justice for All poster displayed with the Statue of Liberty (see images below).
- These AJFA posters should not be printed from other sites or images available on the Internet.









Review the PY 24 End of Year Survey Results & create outreach Material as needed.







Memorandum of Understand (MOU)



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), number <u>551-8-13117</u> (MOU), is entered into by and between the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), an agency of the State of Texas, and the Texas Department of Agriculture, (TDA) (collectively, the Parties).

1. Purpose of the MOU.

In previous years, HHSC has been the state agency responsible for administering the federal Special Supplemental Food Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) in Texas. In 2012, TDA assumed the role of state agency overseeing administration of this program in Texas. TDA and HHSC have identified the need and opportunity to work collaboratively on specific aspects of the program to maximize positive results.

TDA and HHSC executed an MOU in 2012, effective from May 21, 2012 through May 21, 2014, (and subsequent Interagency Grant Agreement which replaced MOU and expired May, 2016).

The purpose of this MOU is to reiterate the specific roles and responsibilities of HHSC and TDA in the cooperative effort of providing FMNP vouchers to eligible WIC clients.

The Parties agree as follows:

2. Roles and Responsibilities of HHSC.

- Provide clients with a participants' shopping list.
- Provide clients with nutrition education as required for FMNP participants under 7 Code of Federal Regulations 248.9, as amended.
- Distribute to participating WIC clinics posters and other printed materials describing FMNP program benefits, as provided by TDA.
- Facilitate communication between WIC clinics and TDA, as appropriate for program administration
- Report any observed program irregularities to TDA promptly.
- Work with TDA to facilitate an automated process for agency collaboration, if needed.

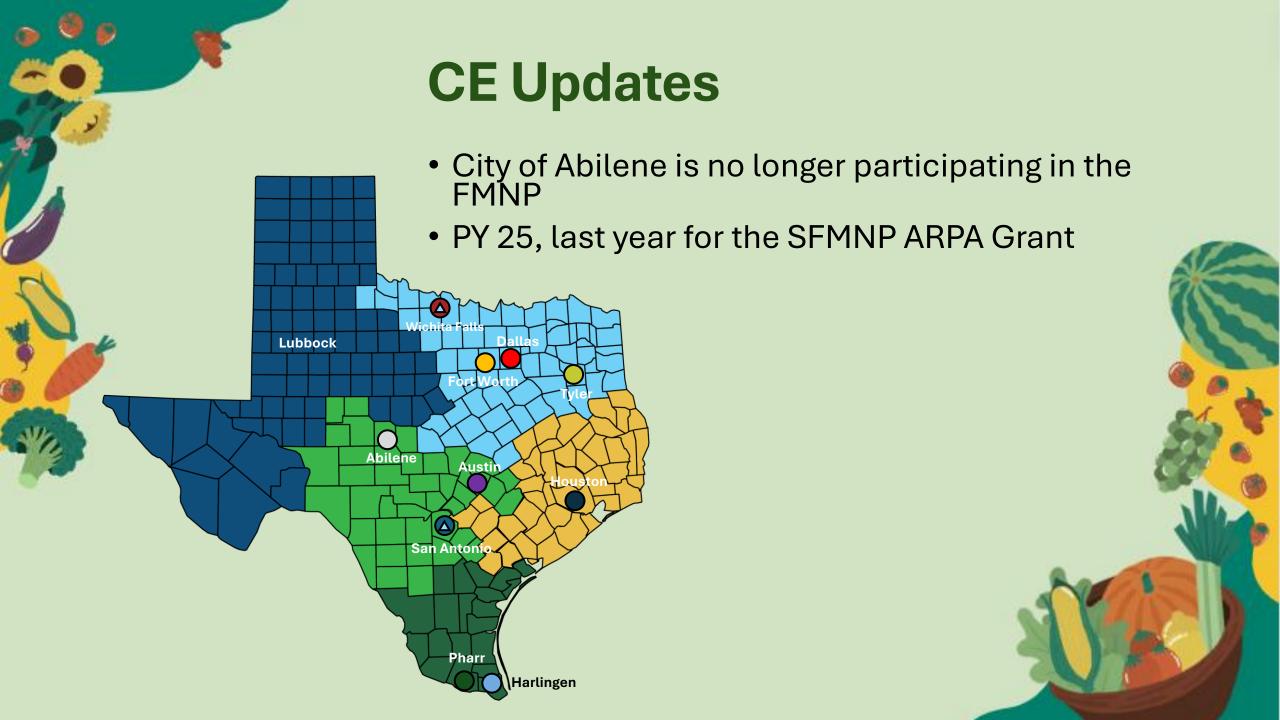
3. Roles and Responsibilities of TDA.

Identify clinics where clients are to be served by FMNP.

TDA has an MOU with WIC's state department Texas Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC)

WIC Clinics must assist with CEs on distributing posters and other outreach materials describing the WIC FMNP program and benefits.

TDA will be contact WIC HHS to update on PY 25





Forms/ Handbook Updates

- PY 2025-2027 Agreements
- Voucher Log
- S/FMNP Handbooks
- S/FMNP Farmers' Market, Roadside Stand, & Certification/Issuance Site Information Form, H1420
- Farmers Market Review
- Foods Calendar no longer applicable
- SFMNP Addendum (CE & FMA) FMNP Redemption Reminder Resource
- Other Resources > SquareMeals.org
- S/FMNP Map on SquareMeals.org



Reminders

- Reach out to your WIC clinics and senior centers
- Outreach/advertise programs
- Create Pop Up Markets
- Redemption, Redemption, Redemption!
 - Update your website information with current PY farmer locations and hours of operation





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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2. Fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

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