

Sample of a Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) Check

FMNP checks are issued for a set dollar amount. Each family participating in the FMNP receives at least four, \$5 checks to spend throughout the growing season.

The color of the FMNP checks change every season to help you easily identify valid checks. The color of the 2015 check is green. **You must follow the Maryland Department of Agriculture's guidelines for accepting these checks and depositing for payment.**

Maryland 2015 Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Pay to the order of authorized Maryland Farmers' Market Vendor Farmer must deposit no later than December 5, 2015 NOT VALID AT GROCERY STORES Good for the purchase of fresh, locally grown vegetables, fruits, and cut herbs from a FMNP Vendor. Any other use constitutes fraud.		Account # 806829 75-1248/919 700001
Check out our Farmers Market Finder site on your mobile phone at http://farmersmarketfinder.md.gov/		FIRST DATE OF USE: 6/01/15 LAST DATE OF USE: 11/30/15 PAY EXACTLY \$ 5.00 NO CHANGE GIVEN
SOLUTRAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK • HOWARD LAKE BRANCH • CLARA CITY, MN 56222		STAMP AUTHORIZED FMNP VENDOR NUMBER HERE
		PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE _____

Sample of a Fruit and Vegetable (FVC) Check

WIC FVCs are issued by WIC clinics in values of \$8, \$10, \$15 and are processed by the Maryland WIC Program.

THIS CHECK IS VOID WITHOUT A BLUE & RED BACKGROUND AND AN ARTIFICIAL WATERMARK ON THE BACK - HOLD AT ANGLE TO VIEW						
	AGENCY	PARTICIPANT ID NO.	NAME OF PARTICIPANT (LAST, FIRST, M.I.)			CHECK NUMBER
	030301	200 851 143	TEST, LITTLE			62544166
	FIRST DATE TO SPEND	January 01, 2013	DATE REDEEMED	STORE USE ONLY	LAST DATE TO SPEND	CASHIER FILL IN EXACT AMOUNT OF SALE DOLLARS CENTS \$
					January 31, 2013	
CATEGORY: CI TO BE USED FOR THESE ITEMS & QUANTITIES ONLY:		PARTICIPANT OR PROXY SIGN FOR PRICE CORRECTION ONLY				CHECKS NOT VALID UNLESS STAMPED BY AUTHORIZED WIC VENDOR
6 (Six) dollars for Fruits and Vegetables Also accepted by WIC Farmers		SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT OR AUTHORIZED PROXY X				
Maryland WIC Program	Payable through FSMC An Affiliate of Security State Bank					VENDOR MUST DEPOSIT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF LAST DATE TO SPEND

FVC/FMNP COMPARISON

The chart below illustrates how accepting and processing WIC FVCs and FMNP checks are different. It is important for you to know that WIC participants may use both FVCs and FMNP checks at your stands. Make sure that your workers know the difference.

Comparison Between WIC Fruit & Vegetable Checks (FVC) and Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) Checks

	FVC WIC Fruit & Vegetable Checks	FMNP Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Checks
When Issued?	Monthly	Once every year during the market season
What are the values of the checks?	\$8 \$10 \$15	\$5 (4 checks totaling \$20)
Can the participant pay cash if the purchase price exceeds the value of the check?	Yes	Yes
Can the participant receive change if the purchase price is less than the value of the check?	No	No
Is the participant's name on the check?	Yes	No
Customer Usage	Participant must use check between the dates listed on the checks	Participant may use check anytime between June 1 and November 30
	Farmers are required to write the purchase price on all checks	Price is pre-filled
	Participant must sign checks and present ID Folder	Participant must sign checks and present ID Folder
Product Types	Fruits and Vegetables from any source	Grown in Maryland or contiguous counties of bordering states
	No herbs	Herbs allowed
Deposit Procedure	Farmers are to put assigned FMNP stamp on all FVC checks	Farmers are to put assigned FMNP stamp on all FMNP checks
	Checks need to be deposited within 30 days of the last date-to-spend on check	Farmers can deposit checks anytime between June 1 and December 5
	Farmer responsible for returned check charges if returned by the bank	Farmer responsible for returned check charges if returned by the bank
Agreement with the State	Each individual farmer must have a signed written agreement with the State WIC Program	Each individual farmer must have a signed written agreement with the MD Dept of Agriculture once every three years and provide locations to MDA annually
Training	Each farmer must attend training on regulations and procedures of FVCs in first year of program participation, and every three years thereafter	Each farmer must attend training on regulations and procedures of FMNP in first year of program participation, and every three years thereafter
Questions	Contact the WIC Vendor Unit at 410-767-5722	Contact the Dept of Agriculture at 410-841-5776