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Nutrition Assistance Programs at NJ Farms & Markets

This guide provides an overview of the various nutrition assistance programs that can be used at New Jersey Farms and Farmers Markets.

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	SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	Good Food Bucks	Senior FMNP (Farmers Market Nutrition Program)	WIC FMNP (Farmers Market Nutrition Program)	eWIC (Cash Value Benefits)
Program Definition	Provides monthly funds to individuals and families to increase purchasing power for nutritious and cost-effective foods.	A SNAP nutrition incentive program that provides a coupon or discount on SNAP fresh- produce purchases at participating locations	Provides eligible participants aged 60+ with household incomes less than 185% of the poverty level with benefits to redeem with authorized farmers for fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs. Benefits must be issued and redeemed seasonally, June 1- November 30.	Provides eligible nutritionally at-risk pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpartum women, and children 2-5 years old with benefits to redeem with authorized farmers for fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs. Benefits must be issued and redeemed seasonally, June 1 - November 30.	New Jersey WIC Participants receive Cash Value Benefits (sometimes called CVB) on an eWIC card to buy fresh, canned, or frozen fruits and vegetables at WIC authorized retailers with eWIC capable POS systems
Administering Agency	NJ Department of Human Services	City Green, Inc.	NJ Department of Health	NJ Department of Health	NJ Department of Health

* Redemption rate of 0.3% reflections national redemption rate of SNAP at farmers markets, sourced from USDA Food and Nutrition Service Fiscal Year 2021 SNAP Retailer Management Year End Summary. FY2016 NJ redemption value supplied by FNS.

Redemption rate provided by NJ Department of Health. FM and DMF participation data sourced from, and redemption value calculated based on, FNS data profile on state level FMNP issuance.

• FMNP participation numbers sourced from NJ Department of Health Division of Family Health Services - WIC Services: FMNP farmers training materials "Farmers Market Nutrition Program Facts" sheet

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Benefit Method	Families First EBT digital card Families First	Paper coupons, tokens, or 50% discount	Family I Finite Printed:	QR Code Iersey FMNP D: 1000297332 4/5/2023 2:29:58 PM ne: Bennett XXX)XXX-9292	eWIC digital card
# of Farmers participating	25 farmers and 27 farmers markets (FY2022)	61 farmers participating at 30+ farmers markets (FY2022)	165 farmers, 5 mar sta (FY2	nds #	14 farmers (FY2022)
# of NJ Residents participating	750,000 (FY2022)	14,600 (FY2022)	38,988 ^ (FY2022)	43,864 ^ (FY2022)	N/A
Redemptions at NJ Farms & Markets	0.3% / \$272,254* (FY 2016)	92% / \$26,350 (FY 2022)	80% / \$860,160 # (FY2021)	29% / \$356,220 # (FY2021)	N/A
"Where to Use" Public Directory	<u>NJ Dept. of Human</u> <u>Services</u> (Note: only Community Farmers Markets are listed; individual farmers or farm stands "direct marketing farmers" not listed)	<u>City Green - Good</u> <u>Food Bucks</u>	<u>NJ Dept. of</u> <u>Health</u>	<u>NJ Dept. of</u> <u>Health</u>	<u>NJ Dept. of</u> <u>Health</u> – must locate farms in county PDF files that state ** Cash Value Benefits Accepted** <i>Updated June 2023</i>