

SFMNP Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I get the SFMNP check booklet?

CDFA has partnered with the local Area Agencies on Aging throughout California to distribute SFMNP check booklets from May through September. Please contact your local Area on Agency for their distribution schedule.

What are the eligibility requirements?

The SFMNP's eligibility requirements are that you must be at least 60 years of age or older and is at or below the 185% poverty level. Updated income guidelines can be found at:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfmnp/sfmnp-income-guidelines>

185% Federal Poverty Level Effective from July 1, 2012 till **June 30, 2013**

Gross Income					
# of Persons in Family or Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
1	\$20,665	\$1,723	\$862	\$795	\$398
2	27,991	2,333	1,167	1,077	539
3	35,317	2,944	1,472	1,359	680
Each Additional Member Add	+\$7,326	+611	+306	+282	+141

**Note: Decimals are rounded up to the nearest dollar/cents on guideline table.*

How often can participants receive a coupon booklet?

As a participant, you can only receive one \$20 coupon booklet a year or season (May – Sept.)

Where can the SFMNP coupons be redeemed?

SFMNP coupons can be redeemed at any WIC/SFMNP authorized Farmers' Market. Your AAA can provide a list of all authorized markets in your area. All authorized farmers should have a "WIC/SFMNP accepted here" sign posted.

What can be purchased with the SFMNP coupons? Seniors can purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, cut herbs and raw unprocessed honey with the SFMNP coupons.

NOTE: Participants are **NOT ALLOWED** to purchase flowers, potted herbs or vegetables, nuts, or any processed packaged food items with the SFMNP coupons.

I am a farmer/ Farmers Market/ Farmers Market Manager and I am interested in being a part of the program. How do I become certified?

Farmers

You must first become a Certified Producer. A Certified Producer is a producer authorized by the County Agricultural Commissioner (CAC) to sell agricultural products (subject to certain restrictions), to consumers at a Certified Farmers' Markets (CFM). To become a Certified Producer apply for a Certified Producer's Certificate in each county in which you produce agricultural product.

Farmers' Markets

You will need to get certified as a farmers' market. Certified Farmers' Markets (CFM) are locations where California farmers may sell agricultural products to the consumer. A CFM may be operated by one or more certified producer(s), a nonprofit organization, or by a local government agency.

To become a CFM:

- Apply for certification at your local County Agricultural Commissioner's Office
- Ensure all local ordinances are met

Farmers/Farmers' Market Managers

1. Apply and receive a farmer/market manager certification through the California Department of Public Health Women, Infant, and Children Program (WIC).
2. Attend a Senior and WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program Training.
3. Accept Senior and WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program checks like cash and deposit into the bank!

For more information please contact:

Senior FMNP

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WIC FMNP

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