

Farmer and Vendor Guide

EBT Use at Farmers' Markets



How the program works:

- The customer brings her EBT card (food stamp card) to the market information booth or locates the market staff person. She decides how much she wants to spend at the market and asks the market staff to sell her tokens worth that amount.
- The market staff person swipes the card through the wireless POS terminal. The amount of the sale is debited from the customer's card. The market staff person gives the customer tokens for the full amount requested.
- The customer shops at the market for eligible foods, using tokens like cash.
- At the end of the market day, each farmer or vendor turns in all tokens received to the market manager, in exchange for cash or a receipt for the full value of tokens received.
- If the market manager gives the vendor a receipt for tokens, he or she will give the farmer or vendor a check for the amount of the receipt at the next market day. If the farmer does not return to the market the following market day or if the farm owner requests, the manager will mail the check to the farm or vendor's business address.

Program Rules:

- **No US currency is to be given as change or exchanged for tokens in any manner.** The sale must be for the exact amount of the scrip or the customer can make up the difference with cash.
- **Accept only our market association tokens. No other market association tokens can be accepted at this market.**
- All market vendors and farmers must accept tokens for eligible food products. Customers using tokens must receive the same respect as other customers.
- All food-stamp eligible food items, food seeds and food plants can be purchased with tokens.
- No hot food or non-food items such as flowers, clothing or crafts can be bought with tokens.