

New York State FreshConnect Check Program (FCC) and Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)

Information for Market Managers and Farmers

	NY FCC	FMNP
What is the value of the check?	\$2	\$4
Can the participant “pay the difference” if the purchase price exceeds the value of the check?	Yes	Yes
Can the participant combine the check with other forms of payment (WIC VF, SNAP EBT tokens, cash)?	Yes	Yes
Can the participant receive change if the purchase price is less than the value of the check?	No	No
What is the period of time the participant can shop?	Jan 1 – Dec 31	Jun 1 – Nov 30
Is the participant’s name on the check?	No	No
Does the participant need to show an identification card during the transaction?	No	No
Does the participant need to sign the check?	No	No
What can be purchased with the check?	Any SNAP eligible food item, such as fresh or frozen fruits and vegetables; meats, fish and poultry; dairy; baked goods; honey; and maple syrup.	Fresh local fruits and vegetables
Does the farmer need to stamp the check with a state-issued FMNP stamp?	Yes, or initial it if the farmer does not have a state-issued FMNP stamp	Yes
Can the farmer redeem checks for cash at a KeyBank branch in New York?	No	Yes
What is the last day the farmer can redeem a check?	Jan 15 of following year	Dec 15
How does the farmer redeem the check?	By mail, address is on back of check	At the bank, by deposit into a personal or business account at any banking institution or by cashing them at a KeyBank in New York
Must the farmer sign up for the program?	No	Yes
Can the check be used at approved farm stands?	Yes	Yes
What does the check look like?		 (Color of the check varies annually)
What does the sign look like at a farmer’s stall?		