

WIC Vegetables & Fruit Checks (WIC VF) and Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Checks (FMNP) Compared

Information for Market Managers and Farmers

	WIC VF	FMNP
What are the values of the checks?	\$8 \$11 \$17	\$4
Can the participant "pay the difference" if the purchase price exceeds the value of the check?	Yes	Yes
Can the participant use the check with other benefits (Health Bucks, EBT tokens, etc.)?	Yes	Yes
Can the participant combine two or more WIC VF checks together or two or more FMNP checks?	No	Yes
Can the participant receive change if the purchase price is less than the value of the check?	No	No
Can the participant buy non-locally grown produce?	Yes	No
Can the participant buy culinary herbs?	No	Yes
What is the period of time that the check can be used by the participant?	There are specific dates listed on the check; each check is good for 30 days only	Between June 1 – Nov. 30
Is the participant's name on the check?	Yes	No
Does the participant need to show an identification card during the transaction?	Yes	No
Does the participant need to sign and date the check?	Yes	No
Does the farmer need to stamp the check with a state-issued stamp?	Yes	Yes
Can the farmer redeem checks for cash at the bank?	No	Yes
How long does the farmer have to deposit the check in the bank?	60 days from the "Not Good Before" date on the check	Until Dec. 15
Must the farmer sign up for the program before accepting checks?	Yes	Yes
Can the check be used at approved farm stands?	Yes	Yes
What does the check look like?		 <p style="text-align: center;">Color of the check varies annually</p>
What does the sign look like at the farmer's stall?		