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Dear Market Coordinator:

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (Department) invites your market to participate in the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)**.** More information about this program can be found online at www.agriculture.ny.gov, then "Agricultural Promotion and Protection" and then "Running a Farmers Market" or by attending an online training webinar (see enclosure). **If you wish to participate, please complete the enclosed documents and return them to the Department.** We accept applications via fax, email or traditional mail.

Enclosed documents:

- ✓ Market Participation Agreement (FMC-8)
- ✓ Vendor List (FMC-11)
- ✓ Rules and Procedures for Markets (FMC-4)
- ✓ Training Opportunities Insert
- ✓ Return Envelope

Important Dates:

Application Deadline: March 1, 2018
Program Season: June 1 – November 30, 2018
Last Day to Deposit Checks: December 15, 2018

***** REMINDERS *****

- ★ Submit a Market Participation Agreement (FMC-8) annually to the Department.
- ★ Submit a Vendor List (FMC-11) annually to the Department; best available data is acceptable; should reflect all anticipated fruit and vegetables vendors present June-November; day and location specific.
- ★ Participating farms must also submit a Farmer Participation Agreement (FMC-6) annually to the Department; an authorized FMNP farmers list is released and posted online starting June 1.
- ★ The Department will mail an invitation package to farmers who participated in the FMNP last year in March; if a farm is new to the FMNP program, applications can be found online www.agriculture.ny.gov.

Following the review and approval of your application, an authorization package will be mailed to you. We look forward to receiving your FMNP application and working with you to benefit your farmers and consumers. We recommend that you keep a copy of the completed documents for your records.

Market applications should be submitted to:

Mail: NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
10B Airline Drive
Albany NY 12235
Fax: (518) 457-8398
Email: farmersmarkets@agriculture.ny.gov

Sincerely,

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