

PROCEDURES FOR STAMPING/VALIDATING FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM CHECKS

Growers are responsible for ensuring their FMNP checks are stamped/validated correctly.

- **You must use the new 8-digit stamp to validate your checks.**
- Some markets may require that the market manager stamp the checks.
- You may ask that the market manager stamp your checks to be sure they are stamped correctly.
- You may also stamp your own checks at your own risk. Be sure they are stamped following the directions below.

Farmers Market checks taken by growers at authorized farmers market must be validated/stamped with the correct eight (8)-digit number.

- The first four numbers of the stamp represent the market where you accepted the checks from WIC or Senior clients.
- The last four numbers of the stamp must be your Grower ID number. All growers who sent in a Grower Agreement for 2009 will have a four-digit Grower ID number.
- The right number sequence is important for the tracking of the information on the amount of dollars redeemed at each market. We are audited to make sure we can track which grower accepted the check and at which market.

Do not handwrite the numbers or leave the “Authorized Program Vendor Number” box blank. These checks will be returned to you and your bank/credit union may charge you a large fee for the return checks.

Please make sure that if you go to multiple markets that your checks are stamped with the correct market number where you accepted the checks from Senior or WIC clients.

If you notice a mistake, please contact your market manager.