

FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM

PARTICIPATION Requirements

To be authorized to participate in the Farmers Market Nutrition Program, a farmers market must:

Either be a current member of the Washington State Farmers Market Association,

OR

Be located within Washington State and meet the following additional requirements:

- The total gross annual sales of **Farmers** (defined below) must be more than the total combined gross annual sales of the market's **Processors** and/or **Produce Resellers**.

Farmers are persons or entities that raise produce (vegetables, fruits, and nuts), herbs, flowers, or nursery crops from seeds or plants, and care for, nurture, cultivate, and harvest the crops they offer for sale at a farmers market.

Processors are persons offering fresh food products (such as meats, seafood, ciders, and baked goods) that have added value to their product through some form of "hands-on" processing (such as hand filleted fish, smoked meat, or handmade candies).

Produce Resellers ("Highstallers") are sellers of fruits and vegetables that cannot be grown reliably and/or in sufficient quantity, as determined by the individual farmers market governing body.

- The total gross annual sales of **Producers (this is not defined)** must exceed the total gross annual sales of "**Others,**" defined as:

Crafters are persons who craft with their own hands the products they offer for sale at the farmers' market site.

Prepared Food Vendors (Concessionaires) offer freshly made foods, available at a farmers market site.

Miscellaneous includes any vendor that does not fit into, or violates, any of the above categories.

In addition a farmers market must meet all the following requirements:

- Have been in operation a minimum of one year.
 - Note: If a new market applies for participation that is operating where another market was participating in the FMNP, the one-year of operation can be waived for the new market.
- Have a designated market manager who is physically at the market each week. (each day of operation – or just once a week?)

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- Keep a current list of growers participating in the market, including:
 - grower's name,
 - business address,
 - telephone number, and
 - crops to be sold during the July through October FMNP season.
 - Note: (A copy of the list must be submitted upon request to the State Office.)

- Be located within 20 miles of both (?) a local WIC Nutrition Program clinic and a participating Senior Nutrition Program.

- Maintain a minimum of **five** (5) participating farmers who grow and sell FMNP-eligible food

- Agree to and follow all terms and conditions specified in the contract, including:
 - Comply with training sessions and monitoring visits conducted by the state program staff.
 - Provide the state office a list of the types of products sold at the market.
 - Ensure sufficient quantities of eligible food are available for customers to fully redeem Farmers Market checks.