



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Marketing Bureau



**SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM (SFMNP)**

To: Municipal Agents, Social/Elderly Service Directors

Thank you for your interest in the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP). This is an outstanding program that helps eligible seniors enjoy CT Grown fruits, vegetables, fresh cut herbs and honey. Please review the rules of this program, fill out the form, fax or mail it back.

**Eligibility guidelines for the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP):**

All Municipal Agents/Social or Elderly Services shall have the **capabilities to verify income levels** through proper means testing of their clients.

All participants must be 60 years of age or older and have a maximum household income of not more than 185 percent of the annual poverty income guidelines. The exact amounts change frequently. These seniors should be participating in other programs with similar means testing verifying eligibility. Seniors NOT identified by proper means testing shall not be given Senior FMNP checks.

The current 185% POV levels are available from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAG).

**Services to be performed by Municipal Agent, Social/Elderly Service Director:**

1. Sign and Return SFMNP paperwork and return to CT DoAG on a yearly basis
2. Provide a secured and locked location for the SFMNP checks.
3. Upon receipt of the SFMNP checks, verify, sign and return **Site Receipt Acknowledgement** to CT DoAG. Keep a copy for your records.
4. Provide one booklet (\$15.00) of SFMNP checks to eligible clients that have been through proper means testing and fall within the federal guidelines provided.
5. Make sure all eligible seniors properly fill out the booklet receipt and sign it.
6. All LCA's shall collect and keep the check receipts from of SFMNP check booklets for a minimum of three (3) years.
7. Have the ability to provide a hearing for seniors wishing to appeal their eligibility.
8. Distribute surveys to participating seniors and return to the CT DoAG when complete.

Only local coordinating agencies capable of providing the services listed above shall be approved for the SFMNP. This LCA shall keep copies of all documents and check receipts associated with the SFMNP for a minimum of three (3) years and provide them upon request. All sites may be subject to compliance audits by state or federal officials. Unfortunately yearly funding/participation for this program cannot be guaranteed.

**Upon approval the Municipal Agent or local Senior Center will be an authorized Local Coordinating Agency (LCA) working directly with the CT DoAG to distribute the SFMNP checks on a yearly basis.**

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