## **S/FMNP Basic Rules and Regulations**

- FMNP and SFMNP checks **cannot** be used before June 1, 2025, or after November 30, 2025.
- FMNP customers may buy only fruits, vegetables, and fresh cut herbs grown in Pennsylvania.
- Recipients <u>must sign</u> in the "Signature Recipient or Proxy" block on the front of the checks. Do this before going to the market or take a pen with you.
- At the market, look for stands displaying the white Farmers Market Nutrition Program poster.
- Senior checks are worth \$5. WIC checks are worth \$10. Farmers are <u>not</u> permitted to give change for purchases less than the amount listed on the check.
- Program recipients may place orders online with FMNP approved farmer; however, you must pay with your paper FMNP checks. A proxy may go to markets to make the purchase for you.
- Checks **cannot** be redeemed at grocery stores or other wholesalers.

# **Market Information**

To find a farmer's market or farm stand with eligible farmers please download the FMNP app. The PA FMNP app is available in the Google Play store and the Apple Store for free. Search for PA FMNP farmers market locator and download the app. Or go to <a href="www.pafmnp.org">www.pafmnp.org</a> to search our online farmers market and farm stand database.

For markets with phone numbers please contact the market for changes to operating hours before visiting.

# **List of Eligible Fruits & Vegetables**

| <u>Fruit</u>      |             |        |            |       |          |      |                  |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|------------|-------|----------|------|------------------|
| Apples            | Berries     | Grape  | Grapes     |       | s Po     | ears |                  |
| Apricots          | Cherries    | Necta  | Nectarines |       | s Peach  |      |                  |
| <b>Vegetables</b> |             |        |            |       |          |      |                  |
| Artichokes        | Cauliflower |        | Leeks Pars |       | Parsnips | Tom  | atoes            |
| Asparagus         | Cele        | ery    | Lettuc     | ee    | Onions   | -    | Γurnips          |
| Beans (fresh)     | Cor         | n      | Mushi      | rooms | Radishes | 7    | Winter Squash    |
| Beets             | Cuc         | umbers | Peppe      | rs    | Rhubarb  | •    | Yams grown in PA |
| Broccoli          | Egg         | plant  | Potato     | es    | Rutabaga | ıs Z | Zucchini         |
| Brussels spro     | uts Gre     | ens    | Peas       |       | Spinach  | I    | Microgreens      |

Okra

<u>No</u> actual plants are permitted for purchase only the mature fruit and/or vegetable is allowable for purchase with the FMNP checks.

Sweet Potatoes Fresh Garlic

\*\*\*Fresh cut herbs are allowed if they are used for cooking or flavoring.

Kohlrabi

- Processed/prepared food is **not allowed** for purchase with FMNP Checks. Jack-o-lanterns are not allowable.
- Citrus or tropical fruits are **not allowed** for purchase with FMNP checks.

#### **Nutrition Education**

Cabbage

Nutrition information on basic nutrition, shopping, cooking, nutrients in foods, and food safety can be found at <a href="https://www.nutrition.gov/">https://www.nutrition.gov/</a> The website also contains many different recipes. We encourage seniors to visit and watch this video, MyPlate for Older Adults: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku230kQlzqA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku230kQlzqA</a>. For more tips on nutrition education, please visit: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku230kQlzqA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku230kQlzqA</a>. For more tips on nutrition education, please visit: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku230kQlzqA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku230kQlzqA</a>. For more tips on nutrition education, please visit: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku230kQlzqA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku230kQlzqA</a>. For more tips on nutrition education, please visit: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku230kQlzqA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku230kQlzqA</a>. For more tips on nutrition education, please visit: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku230kQlzqA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku230kQlzqA</a>.

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## **Complaint Information**

If you have a complaint with a participating farmer of S/FMNP, please contact the Program Administrator at (717) 7835309 or <u>tiebelange@pa.gov</u> with the farmer's name, location, and the details of the complaint. A follow-up will be conducted by the Program Administrator to the participant once the issue has been resolved.

**GECAC Erie Area Agency on Aging 2025 Distribution:** Eligible seniors may ONLY receive vouchers one time in the program year of 2025. This information will be verified when vouchers are received.

| Location                              | Date / Time                 |        |          |                  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|----------|------------------|
| GECAC Corry Sr. Center                | 25 S. First Ave., Corry     | Monday | 06/23/25 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. |
| <b>GECAC North East Senior Center</b> | 50 E. Main St., North East  | Monday | 06/23/25 | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. |
| <b>GECAC Northwestern Sr. Center</b>  | 9 Academy St., Albion       | Friday | 06/27/25 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. |
| <b>GECAC Union City Senior Center</b> | 27 Johnson St., Union City  | Friday | 06/27/25 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. |
| <b>Bayfront Convention Center</b>     | 1 Sassafras Pier, Erie      | Monday | 06/30/25 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. |
| GECAC Tri-Boro Senior Center          | 7555 W. Ridge Rd., Fairview | Monday | 07/07/25 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. |

For questions and information about voucher availability after the community distribution events, seniors may call the closest GECAC Senior Center or 814-459-4581 Ext. 400:

North East **(814) 725-5195** RBW Central City **(814) 451-5633** Northwestern **(814) 756-5373**  Erie West **(814) 451-5634** Union City **(814) 438-2146**  Corry **(814) 664-2477** Tri-Boro **(814) 474-2211**