




Comparison Between WIC Fruit & Vegetable Checks (FVC) and Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) Checks

	FVC WIC Fruit & Vegetable Checks	FMNP Farmers' Market Nutrition Program checks
When Issued	Monthly	Once/year during the market season
What are the values of the checks?	\$6 \$10 \$15	\$20 for market season
Can the participant pay cash if the purchase price exceeds the value of the check?	Yes	Yes
Can the participant receive change if the purchase price is less than the value of the check?	No	No
Is the participant's name on the check?	Yes	No
Customer Usage	Participant must use check between the dates listed on the checks	Participant may use check anytime between June 1 and November 25
	Farmers required to write in purchase price on all checks	Price is pre-filled
	Participant must sign checks and present ID Folder	Participant must sign checks and present ID Folder
Product Types	Fruits and Vegetables from any source	Grown in Maryland or contiguous counties of bordering states
	No white potatoes or herbs	Potatoes and cut herbs allowed
Deposit Procedure	Farmers are to put assigned FMNP stamp on all FVC checks	Farmers are to put assigned FMNP stamp on all FMNP checks
	Check needs to be deposited within 30 days of the last date-to-use on check	Farmers can deposit checks anytime between June 1 and November 30
	Farmer responsible for returned check charges if returned by the bank	Farmer responsible for returned check charges if returned by the bank
Agreement with the State	Each individual farmer must have a signed written agreement with the State WIC Program	Each individual farmer must have signed written agreement with the MD Dept of Agriculture each year
Training	Each farmer must attend training on regulations and procedures with WIC FVC	Each farmer must attend training on regulations and procedures with FMNP in first year of program participation and every three years thereafter
Questions	Contact the WIC Vendor Unit at 410-767-5242	Contact the Dept of Agriculture at 410-841-5770

THIS CHECK IS VOID WITHOUT A BLUE & RED BACKGROUND AND AN ARTIFICIAL WATERMARK ON THE BACK - HOLD AT ANGLE TO VIEW

	AGENCY	PARTICIPANT ID NO.	NAME OF PARTICIPANT (LAST, FIRST, M.I.)			CHECK NUMBER
	020204	200 727 310	TEST, GRAYSON			56733246
	FIRST DATE TO SPEND	January 17, 2012	DATE REDEEMED	STORE USE ONLY	LAST DATE TO SPEND	February 16, 2012
					DOLLARS	CENTS
CATEGORY: C1 TO BE USED FOR THESE ITEMS & QUANTITIES ONLY: _____ PARTICIPANT OR PROXY SIGN FOR PRICE CORRECTION ONLY _____						CHECKS NOT VALID UNLESS STAMPED BY AUTHORIZED WIC VENDOR
6 (Six) dollars for Fruits and Vegetables <h2 style="margin: 0;">Also accepted by WIC Farmers</h2>						
Maryland WIC Program	Payable through FSMC An Affiliate of Security State Bank Howard Lake, MN 55349 Account Number: 806610	75-1248 919	SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT OR AUTHORIZED PROXY			VENDOR MUST DEPOSIT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF LAST DATE TO SPEND
			X			

Sample of WIC Fruit & Vegetable Check (FVC)

Maryland 2012 Farmers' Market Nutrition Program		Account # 806629				
Pay to the order of authorized Maryland Farmers' Market Vendor Deposit no later than November 30, 2012 NOT VALID AT GROCERY STORES		75-1248/919				
Good for the purchase of fresh, locally grown vegetables, fruits, and cut herbs from a FMNP Vendor. Any other use constitutes fraud.		<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; font-size: x-small;">FIRST DATE OF USE</td> <td style="width: 50%; font-size: x-small;">LAST DATE OF USE</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">6/01/12</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11/25/12</td> </tr> </table>	FIRST DATE OF USE	LAST DATE OF USE	6/01/12	11/25/12
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SOLUTRAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK • HOWARD LAKE BRANCH • CLARA CITY, MN 56222		PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE _____ MP				

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