

Terms and Conditions of the 2025 FMNP Grower Authorization Agreement

This authorization agreement is effective the date the state obtains all required signatures and expires on December 1, 2025, unless terminated earlier by either party. Growers must maintain membership in an authorized farmers' market and attend any required trainings as determined by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) for this agreement to remain in effect. Growers must obtain written approval by the MDA each market season before accepting Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) coupons.

THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGREES TO:

1. Reimburse you for coupons redeemed in accordance with the provisions of the FMNP policies and procedures.
2. Provide training on procedures for the FMNP.
3. Monitor the FMNPs and provide written notification of noncompliance.

THE FMNP AUTHORIZED GROWER (YOU) AGREES TO:

1. Accept and redeem FMNP coupons presented to you in accordance with the FMNP.
2. Accept FMNP coupons only for locally grown fresh, unprocessed produce in accordance with program procedures.
3. Redeem 2025 FMNP coupons from **June 15 through October 31** and deposit coupons by **November 10**.
4. Only accept FMNP coupons for produce that were personally grown by you (no wholesale).
5. Not exchange FMNP coupons for cash or give change for produce purchased with coupons but to make every reasonable attempt to provide customers produce equal to the full value of the coupon.
6. Post product prices and charge FMNP coupon customers no more for produce than cash patrons.
7. Abide by all federal and state nondiscrimination legislation and not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability. Participants who wish to file a civil rights complaint should contact the market manager.
8. Accept FMNP coupons only when participating at an authorized farmers' market.
9. Ensure that all persons acting on your behalf at the market are aware of the FMNP procedures.
10. Be monitored for compliance, including, at the discretion of the MDA, a growing site inspection.
11. Complete and return a confidential survey of the program at the end of the growing season if requested.
12. Reimburse the state for any FMNP coupons redeemed in violation of this agreement.
13. Not seek recourse or repayment from a FMNP customer if reimbursement is refused by the MDA.