

**CALIFORNIA FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION
PROGRAM
(FMNP WIC AND SENIOR NUTRITION COUPONS)
INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES**

These apply only to Certified Agricultural Producers

The Shasta Growers Association's agricultural producers have participated in the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program for many years. It has proved to be a valuable source of income for our farmers, while offering WIC and Senior Nutrition Program participants the opportunity to eat our great, fresh, locally-grown fruits and vegetables.

Farmers who have previously participated in the FMNP Coupon program should receive annual update and registration materials directly from the program office in Sacramento, and should take responsibility for completing the annual application. You must display your personalized certificate from the FMNP program when you wish to sell to coupon holders at any SGA market. Display it next to your Certified Producers Certificate.

If you are a first-time producer, you will need to apply to become an approved FMNP vendor. Please ask the Market Manager or the SGA Secretary to supply you with an application and training materials **as soon as you are approved as an SGA member.** The training materials will include the guidelines for farmers participating in the program, and an explanation of the coupons and their validity. When you apply to the program, you will receive a stamp with your 6-digit identification number (which is your Certified Producers Certificate #) from the state office, a few weeks after you apply.

Each vendor is responsible for seeing that all individuals (family members, employees) who may sell your produce for you are trained in handling the FMNP coupons.

In Shasta County, WIC coupons are usually distributed beginning in mid- or late June, and SSNP coupons are usually distributed in July or later. If you are offered coupons before that time, please check to make sure they are valid for the current year!!!