FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM (SFMNP)

The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) is a program headed by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and provides coupons to all who meet age and income requirements. Each booklet contains five coupons worth \$5 each (\$25 total) which can be used to buy fresh fruits and vegetables at participating farmer's markets throughout New York State. Coupons expire November 30, 2025, so do NOT hold onto them for next year. When using your coupons, make sure you use the full value of each coupon as cash cannot be provided for purchases totaling less than the coupon value.

Vendors accepting coupons should display a poster saying "We Gladly Accept NYS Farmer's Market Check".

Eligibility Criteria:

- 60 years of age or older, live in Orleans County AND
- Monthly income is at or below: \$2413 for a one person household, \$3261 for a two-person household AND
- Have not received SFMNP coupons from any other location this year.
 - **If you meet the age requirement, **AND** live in the following subsidized housing you are automatically eligible **

How to get your Farmers' Market Coupons:

Coupons will be distributed by OFA staff at the following Senior Housing complexes and selected locations; dates and times will be posted within each housing complex and are listed below:

July 3: Northwood Apts	10:00 am	July 9: Sandstone Village	10:00 am
Creekwood Apts	10:30 am	Medina Country Estates	10:45 am
Bobak Apts	11:15 am	Ricky Place	11:15 am
Albion Academy & Nutri-Fair	11:45 am	Lakewood Village	2:00 pm
July 7: Holley Grove	10:00 am	July 19: Medina Farmer's Market	10am - Noon
Holley Gardens	10:45 am	July 23: 4H Fair (Senior Luncheon)	11am-Noon
Holley Community Center	11:30 am	July 25: Kendall Nutri-Fair (Town Hall)	Noon
Aklev Manor	1:00 pm		



**Please note: OFA may be running early or late to Distribution Sites **

** If the coupon shipment is delayed, dates will be rescheduled **



Starting July 7th:

coupons can be picked up at The Office for the Aging between 9 am and 3 pm, Monday - Friday.

- Each person in the household is eligible to receive a booklet if they meet the age & income requirements
- Only one coupon booklet per eligible senior in each household, while quantities last
- The eligible senior must sign in person. A Power of Attorney with proper paperwork can sign.
- Proxy forms will be available. The person eligible for the coupons must sign the proxy form and the income eligibility form
 for someone to pick the coupons up for them. Call our office with any questions, 589-3191

FreshConnect Checks for Veterans

In collaboration with the New York Department of Agriculture and Markets, Veterans Benefits Advisors with the New York State Division of Veterans' Services are offering FreshConnect checks to Active Duty members, veterans and their immediate family members, as well as un-remarried surviving spouses of veterans.

Recipients can use FreshConnect checks for fresh produce and other food items at participating farmers markets throughout New York State. Each recipient receives a booklet of FreshConnect checks worth a total of \$50.

Only one booklet of checks per household.

Call The Orleans County Veterans Office at 585-589-3219 for more information and on how to receive them.

