

Arkansas WIC FMNP Farmer and Farmers' Market Authorization Criteria

Farmers must meet the following criteria to be selected and authorized for participation in the Arkansas FMNP:

- Must grow at least 50% of the Arkansas/locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs sold from the stand/booth.
- Must accept FMNP coupons only in exchange for unprocessed Arkansas/locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs.
- Must be selling produce in a market authorized by the FMNP.
- Must have Arkansas/locally grown fresh, unprocessed fruits and vegetables available for sale on a regular and consistent basis during the months of May through September.
- Must provide the FMNP with the information contained on the application form and other information requested by the FMNP.
- Must abide by terms of the Agreement with the FMNP.

Farmers' markets must meet the following criteria to be selected and authorized to participate in the Arkansas FMNP:

- Must be located in counties where participants are issued FMNP coupons.
- Must include three (3) or more Arkansas/local farmers who are approved members of the market and who grow at least 50% of the produce they sell. At least three of these farmers must be approved to accept WIC FMNP coupons.
- Must have or develop some formal organizational structure, i.e., a market manager or manager elected to represent other farmers. In order to be considered a farmers' market, it must have more than one farmer. A farm stand or roadside stand is not eligible for FMNP authorization.
- Must supply information required by the FMNP for the purpose of determining eligibility, monitoring and reporting.
- Must have regular and sufficient hours of business, days of operation and a consistent and sufficient number of farmers with produce available for sale.
- Must abide by terms of the Agreement with the FMNP.