

## **WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)**

### **Description**

The FMNP is associated with the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, generally known as WIC. The WIC Program provides supplemental foods, health care referrals and nutrition education at no cost to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to 5 years of age, who are found to be at nutritional risk.

The FMNP was established by Congress in July 1992, to provide fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits and vegetables through farmers' markets and roadside stands to WIC participants, and to expand awareness and use of, and sales at, farmers' markets and roadside stands.

### **Participation**

Women, infants over 4 months old, and children who are certified to receive WIC Program benefits or who are on a waiting list for WIC certification are eligible to participate in the FMNP. State agencies may serve some or all of these categories.

### **Budget**

For FY 2012, \$16.548 million was appropriated for the FMNP.

### **Contact Information**

For more information about this program, we suggest that you contact your State agency found at: [www.fns.usda.gov/wic/Contacts/farm.HTM](http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/Contacts/farm.HTM)