
WOODSTOCK FARMERS MARKET

Market Currency Agreement

TOKEN PROGRAM

Woodstock Farmers Market uses a currency system of wooden tokens. Customers may use their SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) or debit card to purchase wooden tokens at the Information Booth. These tokens bear the Woodstock Farmers Market logo and may be used to purchase items at the market. Debit card customers will be charged a \$2.00 service fee, that goes to support the program. All Vendors accepted into the Woodstock Farmers Market are required to participate in the token program.

A. TOKEN TYPES

There are two types of tokens at the Woodstock Farmers Market:

\$1 Burgundy and Blue Tokens

Burgundy tokens are purchased with a SNAP/EBT card, and blue tokens are for SNAP matching. Both tokens are in \$1 denominations only. Vendors may not make change for the \$1 tokens, and there are restrictions on what may be purchased. Vendors should encourage SNAP customers to add products to reach a sale price of a whole dollar amount, so that they receive the full dollar value of the token. Burgundy and blue \$1 tokens may never be given as change for any market purchases for any reason.

The following are acceptable SNAP/SNAP Matching purchases: vegetables, fruit, meat, seafood, dairy products, breads, seeds and plants.

The following are NOT acceptable SNAP/SNAP Matching purchases: non-food items, alcohol, merchandise, ready-to-eat foods eaten on-site and flowers.

\$5 Green Tokens

Green tokens are purchased with a Debit Card and must be treated as cash and there are no restrictions to purchases. Treat the \$5 tokens as you would a five-dollar bill. Vendors are not permitted to give \$1 tokens as change at any time.

B. TOKEN REIMBURSEMENT

Vendors must count, record and return their Token Reimbursement Pouch to the Market Manager or Information Booth by 2:15 PM on any market day. Reimbursement checks will be hand delivered one week after the tokens are submitted.

In order to keep the token program operational, tokens need to be put back into circulation at the end of each market week. Vendors must turn in their tokens and their red Token Reimbursement Pouch to the Market Manager or Information Booth by 15 minutes after the close of the market. If a vendor has only a few (or no) tokens at the end of the market, they may keep the tokens and pouch for another week until they have tokens to turn in.

In order to keep our books accurate, all vendors, regardless of amount of tokens collected, must turn in their red pouch and tokens a minimum of once per month. No exceptions. If you have not turned in a bag during a particular month, it is due at the close of the last Sunday market of that month, even if the bag is empty. Vendors may be assessed a 10% charge on any tokens submitted after a month. Tokens and DUFBs are not accepted forms of payment for vendor stall fees.

The final check of the season will be mailed to the contact address in Manage My Market provided by the vendor, so do make sure this information is correct and remains up-to-date during the season. Please note that tokens may

not be used to pay stall fees. We will withhold reimbursement checks if there are any outstanding invoices until payment is received.

Tokens must be returned no later than 30 days after the last day of the season for reimbursement.

FARM DIRECT NUTRITION PROGRAM (FDNP)

The Oregon Farm Direct Nutrition Program is a state-administered federal nutrition program. The Farm Direct Nutrition Program (FDNP) distributes approximately \$1 million dollars to eligible low-income seniors and low-income, nutritionally at-risk pregnant women and young children enrolled in the Women Infants & (WIC) program. Eligible participants will receive these checks specifically to purchase locally produced fresh fruit and vegetables directly from authorized farmers at farm stands and farmers markets. In addition, WIC also provides a separate Fruit & Veggie voucher that allows WIC participants to purchase fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables at authorized retailers or from authorized farmers at a farm stand or farmers' markets.

To become an FDNP authorized farmer, you must own, lease, rent or sharecrop land to grow, cultivate or harvest crops on that land AND grow fresh fruit, vegetables or cut herbs in Oregon or a bordering county to sell at your farm stand or at a farmers market. For both the Farm Direct Nutrition Program and WIC Fruit & Veggie voucher program, all farmers must fill out and sign an application with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and complete a mandatory training coordinated by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to enroll.

All eligible Woodstock Farmers Market Vendors are **required** to participate in the Food Direct Nutrition Program and WIC Fruit & Veggie voucher program. To request an application packet, contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture at 503-872-6600. For additional information, visit Oregon Health Authority at <http://1.usa.gov/sosRCp>.