

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program- Fact Sheet

Due to COVID-19, the Senior Farmers Market coupon booklets will be mailed to seniors instead of distributing them at senior centers.

ELIGIBILITY & RULES

- In order to be eligible to receive the Senior Farmers Market Coupons, adults must be:
 - 60 years old or older
 - Earning no more than:
 - \$1,968/month (for a one-person household); or
 - \$2,658/month (for a two-person household); or
 - \$3,349/month (for a three-person household).
- Registration opens July 6, closes July 31
- Coupon booklets distributed on first-come first-serve basis
- One coupon booklet per older adult.
- Coupons must be redeemed by November 30
- Coupons not spent this year cannot be used in future years

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much is the coupon booklets worth?

The coupon booklet is worth \$20.

How many checks are in a coupon booklet?

There are 5 checks in a coupon booklet. Each check is worth \$4.00.

How do I apply for the coupon booklet?

You may apply by completing the online form at www.nyc.gov/aging. The coupon booklets will be mailed via USPS along with program information, a market schedule, and nutrition education materials.

How do I apply for the coupon booklet if I do not have access to the internet?

You may contact Aging Connect at (212) AGING NYC or (212) 244-6469. You will need to provide your name, address and telephone number. A form will be mailed to you. The form must be completed and mailed back to:

NYC Department for the Aging

2 Lafayette Street, 4th Floor

New York, NY 10007

Attention: Aging Connect

If I apply online, how long will it take to receive the coupon?

It should take 7-10 business days to receive the coupon. Please note, we cannot guarantee delivery date as there could be delays with the postal service.

If I apply through the mail, how long will it take to receive the coupon?

The program is first come first served. There are a limited number of coupons. Mailed requests are queued according to when DFTA receives and opens the complete form, not when the client mails it.

Where can I use the coupon booklet?

Checks may be spent at participating farmers' markets around the city. A list of Farmers Markets is located on the DFTA website www.nyc.gov/aging

Can I purchase any fruits and vegetables at the market?

No. Checks may be used to purchase locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs. You **cannot** use your checks to buy non produce items like:

- Apple cider Honey Maple Syrup Eggs Baked Goods
- Jams and Jellies Plants Flowers Gourds Tropical or
Citrus Items
- Ornamental Pumpkins

What should I do if my coupon is lost or stolen?

Lost or stolen coupons cannot be replaced and should be reported to Aging Connect at 212-AGING NYC or (212) 244-6469.

If I am not able to go to the Farmers market, can I send someone on my behalf?

People may use the coupons on behalf of the older adults receiving the coupons. This allows older adults to stay home & safe while someone picks up produce for them.

Who should I contact if I have additional questions regarding the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program?

For additional information regarding the program, please contact Aging Connect at (212) AGING-NYC (212-244-6469). You may also email us at agingconnect@aging.nyc.gov. Aging Connect's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:30AM-5:30PM.