

# **Food Stamp/EBT Card Access at the Mount Vernon Farmers Market: Vendor Information and Agreement Form**

Farmers markets across the country are making themselves accessible to shoppers who use food stamps.

Food stamp recipients manage their accounts with Quest EBT cards which are similar to ATM debit cards. To help vendors understand the Food Stamp/EBT process at the Mount Vernon Farmers Market, please read the following, sign and return with your market application.

## **The EBT/ Food Stamp process:**

- Shoppers wishing to use food stamp/EBT card accounts need to make the transaction with the market manager at the market information tent.
- Food Stamp/EBT card funds are converted into wooden market tokens by the market manager.
- The wooden tokens (\$1.00 each) are used by shoppers to buy basic food stuffs from vendors. Tokens cannot be used for hot, ready-to-eat foods, crafts or non-edible nursery stock.
- Vendors cannot make change for wooden tokens.
- Vendors must display authorized EBT/Food Stamp acceptance signs at their stall. Signs are available from the market manager.
- Vendors should use tokens to pay for market stall fees at the end of the day.
- Do not confuse wooden tokens with WIC and FMNP coupons. These are market coupons for young mothers and seniors.
- Shoppers can use tokens at anytime during the market season.
- Wooden tokens are only valid for use at the Mount Vernon Farmers Market

The Food Stamp/EBT program is a way for farmers markets to create greater accessibility for low-income shoppers. If you have any questions about this program, please direct them to the market manager. He will be glad to answer them.

## **Agreement:**

I agree to follow all of the above rules. I may quit participation in the EBT program at any time, as long as I notify market staff before doing so.

I understand that if market staff observe or receive evidence of my failure to abide by this agreement, I will not be reimbursed for tokens collected incorrectly, the market will immediately suspend or terminate my approval to accept tokens, and the offense may result in a fine or affect my ability to participate in the market.

I understand that it is my responsibility to inform my family and employees of these rules before they sell at the market on behalf of my farm or business.

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Vendor signature

Business Name

Date

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Mount Vernon Farmers Market Manager

Date