

**Comparison Between WIC Fruit & Vegetable Checks (FVC) and Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) Checks**

	<b>FVC</b> <b>WIC Fruit &amp; Vegetable Checks</b>	<b>FMNP</b> <b>Farmers' Market Nutrition Program checks</b>
<b>When Issued</b>	Monthly	Once/year during the market season
<b>What are the values of the checks?</b>	\$8    \$11    \$17	\$5 (4 checks totaling \$20)
<b>Can the participant pay cash if the purchase price exceeds the value of the check?</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Can the participant receive change if the purchase price is less than the value of the check?</b>	No	No
<b>Is the participant's name on the check?</b>	Yes	No
<b>Customer Usage</b>	Participant must use check between the dates listed on the checks	Participant may use check anytime between June 1 and November 30
	Farmers are required to write the purchase price on all checks	Price is pre-filled
	Participant must sign checks and present ID Folder	Participant must sign checks and present ID Folder
<b>Product Types</b>	Fruits and Vegetables from any source	Grown in Maryland or contiguous counties of bordering states
	No herbs	Herbs allowed
<b>Deposit Procedure</b>	Farmers are to put assigned FMNP stamp on all FVC checks	Farmers are to put assigned FMNP stamp on all FMNP checks
	Check needs to be deposited <b>within 30 days of the last date-to-spend</b> on check	Farmers can deposit checks anytime between June 1 and December 5
	Farmer responsible for returned check charges if returned by the bank	Farmer responsible for returned check charges if returned by the bank
<b>Agreement with the State</b>	Each individual farmer must have a signed written agreement with the State WIC Program	Each individual farmer must have a signed written agreement with the MD Dept of Agriculture once every three years and provide locations to MDA annually
<b>Training</b>	Each farmer <b>must attend training</b> on regulations and procedures with WIC FVC	Each farmer must attend training on regulations and procedures with FMNP in first year of program participation, and every three years thereafter
<b>Questions</b>	Contact the WIC Vendor Unit at 410-767-5242	Contact the Dept of Agriculture at 410-841-5776