

Dear Chippewa County Farmer,

We're excited to share an opportunity to support local families and promote fresh, healthy food this summer!

Due to delays and reductions in WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) funds, a generous donor has come forward to support a new **Farm Fresh Produce Program** for Chippewa County WIC families this summer. While this program is like FMNP, it is different and operates independently. Below are the guidelines for accepting and using the Farm Fresh vouchers.

Farm Fresh Produce Program Details:

- Dates: June 16 – October 31, 2025
- Voucher Value: Each eligible participant will receive five \$5 vouchers, totaling \$25 for the season
- Vouchers can only be used in Chippewa County for locally grown, fresh fruits and vegetables
- Not accepted at grocery stores

Important Voucher Guidelines:

- Each voucher can only be used once
- No change will be given if they spend less than the voucher amount
- Vouchers are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash or other foods or goods
- Lost vouchers cannot be replaced
- Participants do not need to sign the vouchers, and ID is not required
- Participating vendors will display a program sign so families can easily identify where they can use the vouchers. These signs will be mailed or hand delivered to farmers upon completion of the agreement.

Want to Accept Farm Fresh Vouchers?

If you'd like to take part in the program:

- Complete the following agreement along with a copy of your W-9. If your W-9 includes sensitive information, such as a Social Security number, we ask that you mail it or deliver it in person to the Chippewa County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) to ensure confidentiality. If the form does not contain sensitive information, you may take a photo and send it via email to smcquillan@chippewacountywi.gov or text it to Chippewa County WIC at 715-495-3157.
- Display the provided sign so families know you accept the vouchers
- Follow all the guidelines listed above

Reimbursement Information:

To receive reimbursement, return the Farm Fresh vouchers to Chippewa County Public Health by **Friday, November 14, 2025, at 11:00 AM**. A copy of your W-9 form is required for payment processing.

Payments are issued by check on a bi-weekly basis, every other Friday, beginning June 27. To receive payment on a given Friday, vouchers must be submitted by the Monday of that same week. Farmers may choose to collect vouchers over time and submit them in batches for reimbursement.

Please contact Stephanie Abbe, WIC Director, at (715) 726-7870 or sabbe@chippewacountywi.gov for questions and further information as needed.

Thank you for supporting local families!

Sincerely,

Amy, Mary, Pangya, Stephanie and Tammy

Chippewa County WIC Program

I, along with my farmstand staff, would like to participate in the Chippewa County WIC Farm Fresh Produce Program. We agree to adhere to the Voucher Guidelines outlined above. I acknowledge that this program is being administered exclusively within Chippewa County. All farmstand staff and program participants will be treated with respect at all times. I understand that submission of a completed W-9 form is required for reimbursement. Additionally, I acknowledge that any vouchers submitted after November 14, 2025, will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Farmer and/or Farmstand Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Signature: _____



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