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## **Wolf Administration Announces Farmers Market Nutrition Program Vouchers Available for Seniors, WIC Participants**

**Harrisburg, PA** – Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding today announced that as part of the Wolf Administration’s strategy for a hunger-free Pennsylvania, eligible residents can access fresh, Pennsylvania-grown produce – at no cost -- through the Women Infants and Children (WIC) and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Programs.

“Good nutrition is critical at any age, and we know that one of the best ways to receive nutritional benefit is from fresh fruits and vegetables,” said Sec. Redding. “By providing Pennsylvanians with access to local, nutritious foods, we are putting a premium on both the health of our local economies and the health of the people who live in towns and cities across the commonwealth.”

From June through November, the WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Programs provide low-income seniors and eligible participants in the WIC program with vouchers to purchase Pennsylvania-grown fruits, vegetables, and fresh-cut herbs from approved farm markets and farm stands across the commonwealth.

To be eligible, seniors must be 60 years old by December 31, 2018 and have incomes that do not exceed 185 percent of the federal poverty level, which is currently \$22,459 per year for a single person or \$30,451 for a household of two. Eligible seniors can contact their local [Area Agency on Aging](#) for information on the program and times and locations of voucher distributions. Women and children ages 1-4 who are participating in WIC are eligible to receive vouchers under the WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program. Vouchers are provided at quarterly WIC clinic visits.

Participating markets can be found at [pafmnp.com](http://pafmnp.com). Additionally, voucher holders can [search for a participating market](#) in their area or an area they are visiting. Participants may redeem vouchers from June 1 through November 30, 2018.

In 2017, the state provided \$2,079,000 for the WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Programs, which, in combination with federal funds, made a total of \$5,820,452 available to low-income Pennsylvanians for nutritious, locally grown foods during market season. Last year, participating farmers accepted more than \$4.4 million in vouchers, and the 2018-19 budget included nearly \$2.1 million for the program.

More information about the WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Programs, part of the Wolf Administration’s comprehensive plan to end hunger in Pennsylvania, can be found at [Setting the Table: Blueprint for a Hunger-Free Pennsylvania](#).

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