



2026 NORTH CAROLINA

Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Only 1 Voucher Booklet per Participant

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) is a summer-only program that provides eligible lower-income older adults with vouchers to purchase **NC-grown** fresh fruits and vegetables, raw honey, and fresh cut herbs at NC SFMNP certified farmers' markets. The SFMNP is designed to improve the nutrition of older adults and increase business for local farmers and farmers markets.

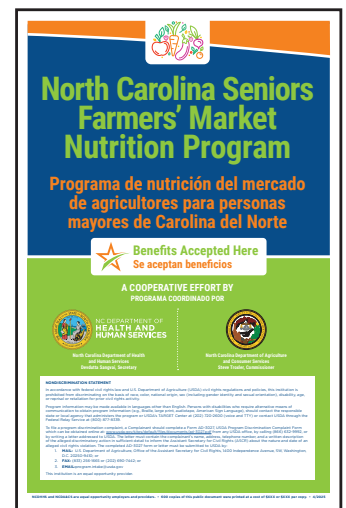
- Program Eligibility:** Ages 60+, resident of a SFMNP participating county with self-declared household incomes of no more than 185% of 2026 Federal poverty level (\$2,461/month for a 1-person household; \$3,337/month for a 2-person household).
- Season Dates:** July 1 through September 30, 2026.
- Eligible Products:** **North Carolina grown** fresh fruits, vegetables, raw honey, and fresh cut herbs may be purchased with SFMNP vouchers. (*Vouchers CANNOT be used for eggs, meat, cooked or processed foods, baked goods, plants, crafts, or any non-food items.*)

NOTE: The SFMNP is not an entitlement program, so SFMNP vouchers are not guaranteed. Even if a person meets the eligibility requirements, there may not be enough funds for all eligible persons to receive SFMNP vouchers.

VOUCHER DISTRIBUTION AND USE

Applications and voucher distribution will be handled by participating local agencies in **June**. Participants should follow instructions in voucher booklet.

- Eligible participants will receive ONE booklet with a set of ten vouchers, worth \$50 total.
- Only NC SFMNP certified markets and farmers may accept vouchers.
 - A list of SFMNP certified markets will be on the SFMNP website, which can be accessed by scanning the QR code below.
 - SFMNP posters will be displayed by certified farmers who accept the vouchers.
- Change **CANNOT** be received from vouchers at markets. If purchasing an amount over the voucher(s) value, participants may pay the difference to farmers.
- Participants must sign the vouchers on the **FRONT** signature line (like a check) before redeeming with farmers.
- Lost or stolen vouchers cannot be replaced.
- Vouchers are valid **July 1 through September 30, 2026**. Participants should redeem all vouchers before September 30.



The lists of SFMNP-certified agencies and markets will be on the SFMNP website which can be accessed by scanning the QR code to the right with your phone camera, or visiting www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/aging/north-carolina-seniors-farmers-market-nutrition-program



NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

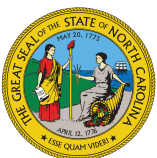
In accordance with federal civil rights law and USDA civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the state or local agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at [How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint](#) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: **1.) Mail:** U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Mail Stop 9410, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; **2.) Fax:** (202) 690-7442; or **3.) Email:** program.intake@usda.gov

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

For more information, contact your local aging services agency.



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Aging

www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/aging/north-carolina-seniors-farmers-market-nutrition-program •
NCDHHS is an equal opportunity employer and provider. • 4/2026