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Human Services Department Encourages SNAP Participants to Purchase Fresh Produce at Farmers' Markets

Nearly 124,000 New Mexico Families Now Participating in Supplemental
Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Santa Fe, New Mexico— The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) is celebrating *National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month* by encouraging the nearly 124,000 families now participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to purchase fresh produce at local Farmers' Markets.

“The Human Services Department is pleased to partner with Farmers' Markets to allow SNAP clients the opportunity to use their benefits to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers,” said Pamela Hyde, HSD Secretary. “Participation in SNAP has grown by 28 percent over the past year, which means more families and communities are benefiting from the program that brought in more than \$38 million in May.”

So far this summer there are six Farmers' Markets that have installed Point of Sale Devices that read Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards, which allow SNAP clients use their benefit to purchase food at these locations.

- **Albuquerque Downtown Market** - 8th and Central at Robinson Park
Schedule: Saturdays, 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Market Season: June 6 - October 31
Contact: Carolyn Espi, (505) 243-2230
Accepts EBT, Women's Infants and Children Program (WIC)
- **Belen Growers' Market** - Anna Becker Park, Hwy 309/Reinken Ave
Schedule: Fridays, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Spring Market: May 1 - June 26
Market Season: July 10 - October 30
Contact: Jennifer Singleterry, (505) 401-4390 or Claudette Riley, (505) 459-6159
Accepts EBT, WIC and Senior checks

- Clovis Farmers' Market** - Corner of 4th and Pile
 Schedule: Saturdays, 8 a.m. - sellout; Tuesdays, 5 p.m. - sellout
 Market Season: June 28 - November 1
 Contact: Denny Wymore, (575) 389-9889
 Accepts EBT, WIC and Senior checks
- Española Farmers' Market** - 1005 N. Railroad Ave.
 Schedule: Mondays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Season: June 15th - October 26th
 Contact: Sabra Moore, (505) 685-4842
 Accepts EBT, WIC and Senior checks
- Santa Fe Farmers' Market** - Farmers' Market Pavilion, 1607 Paseo de Peralta at Guadalupe
 Schedule: Saturdays and Tuesdays (beginning May 5), 7 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Market Season: Begins April 25
 Contact: Tim Vos, (505) 983-4098
 Website: www.santafefarmersmarket.com
 Accepts EBT, WIC and Senior checks
- Silver City Farmers' Market** - 701 N. Main, between 7th and 8th at the Big Ditch
 Schedule: Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Market Season: Begins May 2
 Contact: Asunda Uribe, (575) 534-9458
 Accepts EBT, WIC, and Senior checks

Three other farmers' markets in Bernalillo, Albuquerque and Socorro are working to allow EBT card users at their locations as well.

To encourage SNAP participation, the Santa Fe Farmers Market is offering free vegetable seeds from Seeds of Change until June 30 to SNAP participants "We believe that everyone in our community deserves access to local, fresh, nutritious food," said Sarah Noss, Executive Director of the SF Farmers Market Institute. "We encourage SNAP participants to come down to the Rail yard and give us a try."

Families may qualify for the SNAP if they earn less than 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (see chart below). Food Stamp benefits are issued through EBT cards that can be used at participating stores to purchase meat, poultry and fish, vegetables, fruit, bread and other baked goods, juices, canned goods, frozen foods, and some pre-made food products.

Family Size	Maximum Monthly Income to Qualify for SNAP Benefits
1	\$1,127
2	\$1,517
3	\$1,907
4	\$2,297
5	\$2,687
6	\$3,077

7	\$3,467
8	\$3,857

For more information on the SNAP, or to find an ISD office near you, please call 1-888-473-3676, or visit the department's website at <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/isd/fs.html>.

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