

County of Onondaga

Department of Adult & Long Term Care Services

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Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Coupons (SFMNP) Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is eligible to receive SFMNP coupons?

- 1. 60 years and older (must be 60 years old on the day the coupons are received), AND
- 2. Meet the income guidelines for your household (see chart below), AND
- 3. Have not received a SFMNP coupon booklet for 2022 season. Individuals may only receive **ONE (1)** coupon booklet per year.

*Individuals must complete and sign the Statement of Eligibility form to receive the coupons.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	
1	\$25,142	\$2,096	Household Size Annual Monthly (continued)
2	33,874	2,823	11 112,462 9,372
3	42,606	3,551	12 121,194 10,099
4	51,338	4,278	13 129,926 10,827
5	60,070	5,006	14 138,658 11,555
6	68,802	5,733	15 147,390 12,283
7	77,534	6,461	16 156,122 13,011
8	86,266	7,189	Add for each + \$8,732 + \$728
9	94,998	7,916	add'I family
10	103,730	8,644	member

2. Will I need to show proof of my age?

Program officials are allowed to request proof of your age to verify your information. Be prepared with identification/proof of age when picking up your coupons.

3. How much are the coupons worth?

Each person receives 1 coupon booklet worth \$25.00. Each booklet includes 5 coupons and each coupon is worth \$5.00. No change is given for the coupons.

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4. How many coupon booklets can a person receive?

Each eligible person may receive 1 coupon booklet per year.

5. Can everyone in my household get a coupon booklet?

Every eligible person (age 60 years or older and meets income requirements) in the household can receive 1 coupon booklet.

6. Where can I use the coupons?

You may use the coupons at participating farmers' markets and farm stands (not grocery stores). Farmers will have brightly colored signs that read, "<u>We Gladly Accept Farmers'</u> <u>Markets Checks</u>".

7. What can I buy with the coupons?

Coupons may <u>ONLY</u> be used to purchase these items from participating farmers:

- Locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables
- Fresh cut herbs (not herbs planted in pots)

Coupons CANNOT be used to purchase prepared foods, non-local produce, meat, eggs, dairy products, baked goods, juice/cider, honey, maple syrup, jams, potted plants, etc.

8. What if I can't make it to the farmers' market?

Caregivers or others may redeem the coupons for you at the farmers' market if you are unable to shop for yourself.

9. How long are the coupons good for?

The coupons may be used through November 30, 2022.

10. What happens if I lose my coupons?

Lost coupons cannot be replaced. Keep them in a safe location.

11. Where can I pick up the coupons?

The distribution sites are listed below. Each site receives a different number of booklets and distributes them on different days. Coupon booklets may not be reserved – the coupons are distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Individuals **must call the agency of their choice before picking up coupons** to make sure coupons are still available and to find out when they can pick them up. The only sites that individuals do not need to call ahead are the Regional Market and the Downtown Market. Everyone must follow any current CDC and local agency safety guidelines when picking up their coupons.

Due to an unexpected delay, the distribution dates have changed. These are estimated dates based on when Office for Aging expects to receive the coupons. For questions, call Onondaga County Office for Aging at 315-435-2362

Farmers' Markets:

- CNY Regional Farmers' Market 2100 Park St, Syracuse 13208
 Coupon distribution: Begins July 21st in the Welcome Center, Thur & Sat 7am-2pm For questions, call: 315-422-8647
- Downtown Farmers' Market Clinton Square, Syracuse 13202 Coupon distribution: July 19th 9am-1pm July 26th 9am-1pm Additional dates TBD For questions, call Office for Aging: 315-435-2362

Coupon distribution at Community Sites: Begins July 19th or later. Must call the agency before picking up coupons.

- Camillus Senior Center (Camillus): 315-672-5820
- Canton Woods (Baldwinsville): 315-638-4536
- Catholic Charities (Mattydale): 315-424-1810
- Elbridge Community Center (Jordan/Elbridge): 315-689-9031
- Huntington Family Center (Syracuse): 315-436-6441
- Jewish Community Center (Dewitt): 315-445-2360
- Northeast Community Center (Syracuse): 315-472-6343 x206
- Onondaga Senior Center (Syracuse): 315-469-3464
- Salvation Army (Syracuse): 315-907-2715
- Syracuse Community Connections (Syracuse): 315-671-5803
- Syracuse Housing Authority locations: 315-470-4381
- Westcott Community Center (Syracuse): 315-478-8634

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