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## **Eligible Seniors Can Receive Free Produce Through the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program**

(Newton, NJ) The Sussex County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior Services is pleased to announce the availability of the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program for 2023. The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program provides individuals who are age 60+ and who meet the financial eligibility, with a one-time \$50.00 electronic benefit in the form of a QR code to purchase local fresh fruits and vegetables at participating farm stands in New Jersey. There are many local, community farms that participate in the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program and each qualified individual will receive a complete list of the farm stands with their information packet.

The Sussex County Division of Senior Services will be distributing the electronic benefit starting on June 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 at the office of the Division of Senior Services at One Spring Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Newton. Currently, to be eligible, a senior's income cannot exceed \$25,142 annually or \$2,096 monthly if single, or \$33,874 annually or \$2,823 monthly if married, and they must be a Sussex County resident. Effective July 1, 2023, new income limits will be implemented, therefore, please check with the Division of Senior Services for the new limits.

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In order to complete an application, seniors must provide proof of age, income and residency. A driver's license or utility/phone bill are acceptable proof of residency and age. A 2022 income tax return, social security benefit statement, current pay stub or valid food stamp/SNAP verification are acceptable means to prove income eligibility. Please note that the PAAD card is no longer acceptable as proof of eligibility. Seniors who do not provide proof of income must self-declare their income by signing a form. Benefits must be used by November 30, 2023.

The Sussex County Division of Senior Services urges all eligible seniors to participate in this program. If you do not have the ability to make an appointment and come into our office, homebound seniors who qualify may receive this once a year benefit through a proxy. For additional information about the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, the eligibility requirements or proxy requirements, please contact the Sussex County Division of Senior Services at 973-579-0555, ext. 1221 or by email at [seniorservices@sussex.nj.us](mailto:seniorservices@sussex.nj.us).

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