

AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Farmers Market Nutrition Program

FARMERS/GROWERS

Farmers selling at farmers' markets or stands will be approved based on the following criteria:

1. **Farmers' market or stand operates in the District of Columbia or Maryland surrounding counties for a minimum of four hours on at least one day per week during May - November, at a designated location.**
2. During the course of the growing season, a variety of approved FMNP produce must be offered, including at least **three (3)** approved vegetables, fruits and herbs, of which the farmer must grow at least **50%**.
3. Farmers' market or stand must agree to operate in compliance with the requirements of the FMNP agreement, State and Federal rules and regulations.
4. Farmers' market or stand must be located in areas that are accessible to WIC and senior customers.
5. Farmers' market or stand must submit a completed application each year and a signed agreement.

"Locally-grown" produce is defined as produce that is grown within a State's boundaries or in neighboring States adjacent (or in close proximity) to its boundaries (in this case, in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey, North Carolina or Pennsylvania).

URBAN FARM STANDS

Urban farm stands will be approved provided that they:

1. **Operate as part of an established farmers' market. Individual farm stands operating on their own are not allowed as part of the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.**
2. Are operated by non-profit entities. **Proof of non-profit status must be submitted as part of application.**
3. At least **50%** of the produce sold at such farm stands is raised by the farmer or non-profit entity itself, or procured from an approved FMNP farmer.
4. Meet the five requirements listed above under farmers and growers.
5. When stands are operated by non-profit organizations, neither the non-profit entities nor their agents (individual persons) may realize a profit on sales at the farm stands.