

Cash Value Vouchers

The WIC food package was changed in August of 2009 to include a separate cash value voucher (CVV) for fruits and vegetables. CVVs are normally spent in grocery stores, but the Minnesota Department of Health has agreed to allow CVVs to be redeemed at farmers' markets authorized for FMNPs.

CVVs will greatly increase the buying power of WIC FMNP participants. While FMNP checks are issued once per summer for the entire household, each WIC participant in a household gets a CVV every month.

Because there are some differences between CVVs and FMNP checks, every FMNP vendor and market manager must attend in-person training in 2010. All FMNP vendors will also be authorized to accept CVVs.

Below are dates and locations for FMNP/CVV training.

FMNP 2010 Training Dates

**Minnesota Department of Agriculture
625 Robert St. N
St. Paul**

April 7; 6:30 PM
April 8; 10:00 AM
April 12; 6:30 PM
April 20; 6:30 PM

**Park Rapids Library
210 W First St.
Park Rapids**

This meeting will be in late April, but the library does not book rooms more than 3 months in advance. More information later.

**Sauk Centre Library
430 Main St.
Sauk Centre**

April 22, 6:00 PM

**Owatonna Library
105 N Elm Ave.
Owatonna**