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## Fresh Access Bucks - Vendor Agreement

The ( \_\_\_\_\_ **INSERT FARMERS MARKET HERE** )  
(herein referred to as “SPONSORING AGENCY”) is implementing a new Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) program so that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients (formally known as Food Stamps) can shop at our market. In addition to accepting SNAP benefits, we will be implementing an incentive program provided by Florida Organic Growers, known as Fresh Access Bucks.

Through a Specialty Crop grant from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), we are able to double the money SNAP recipients have to use for Florida-grown fruits and vegetables when they shop at our farmers market. Please refer to the Vendor’s Guide to Accepting Food Stamps for more detailed information on how the program works.

Due to rules set forth by FDACS and Federal Regulations of the Food Stamp Program, we are asking vendors to sign this agreement to ensure they are aware of the rules of the program. We see this program as a joint responsibility.

This agreement allows ( \_\_\_\_\_ **INSERT VENDOR NAME HERE** )  
(herein referred to as “VENDOR”) to participate in the EBT/SNAP Program and Fresh Access Bucks.

VENDOR is bound by this agreement to follow all guidelines, as set forth by federal and state authorities and SPONSORING AGENCY.

SPONSORING AGENCY reserves the right to immediately suspend or terminate VENDOR from the program if SPONSORING AGENCY observes, or receives evidence of, failure to abide by any of the agreements below.

VENDOR may voluntarily quit participating in the EBT program at any time, but must notify SPONSORING AGENCY of such action.

### **The Fresh Access Bucks Program will operate in the following manner:**

Patrons who have been issued an authorized EBT card may purchase scrip in the form of wooden tokens, up to the amount authorized, from designated SPONSORING AGENCY staff. The patron’s EBT card will be debited for the value of the tokens purchased. Patrons will use the tokens only for purchase of eligible foods. Patrons have no time limit on the use of purchased tokens at the SPONSORING AGENCY. SPONSORING AGENCY staff will exchange tokens for receipt each market day, only with authorized vendors. Checks equal to the amount of the receipt will be mailed or directly deposited to vendors within 3-5 business days, or vendor can collect checks at the next market day.

The only tokens used will be wooden tokens with the unique imprint of FRESH ACCESS BUCKS, with the currency amount imprinted on two sides. The only tokens used will be in \$1 and \$5 denominations.

The Fresh Access Bucks Program will be strictly and carefully monitored at all times by SPONSORING AGENCY.

**VENDOR Agreements:**

- VENDOR agrees to accept only SPONSORING AGENCY tokens, and will not accept any other market's tokens and/or printed scrip.
- VENDOR agrees to accept SNAP EBT tokens and accompanying coupons only for the purchase of SNAP eligible foods, including: bread products, produce, meat, fish, poultry, eggs, dairy products, seeds, and plants which produce food to eat.
- VENDOR agrees to **not** accept SNAP EBT tokens and accompanying coupons for the purchase of SNAP ineligible foods, including: hot food and food labeled as for pet consumption only. Or any non-food items including: soaps, medicine, clothing, crafts, vitamins, and plants which do not produce food to eat.
- VENDOR agrees to only accept green, FRESH ACCESS BUCKS tokens, for fruits and vegetables grown in the state of Florida and/or within 50 miles from the market if out of state.
- VENDOR agrees that no U.S. currency will be returned to the customer as change for SNAP EBT tokens and accompanying coupons, if payment for product is solely by tokens. The value of the tokens received by VENDOR will not exceed the posted value of the product purchased by the customer. (The customer will receive full value for his or her tokens.)
- VENDOR agrees to post a sign (to be provided by SPONSORING AGENCY) identifying VENDOR's stall as an authorized EBT vendor and/or Fresh Access Bucks vendor.
- If the VENDOR is not in compliance with any of the above, they will not be allowed to accept tokens, and or redeem tokens.

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VENDOR Representative  
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VENDOR Representative  
Sign Name

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