

**Jackson County Farmers Market  
Vendor Agreement for token acceptance  
SNAP/CREDIT/DEBIT  
2018/19**

All vendors of the Jackson County Farmers Market will accept Credit, Debit and SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program -- tokens at the market.

Customers swipe their Credit/Debit or SNAP cards at the Information Booth and receive wooden tokens in return.

- SNAP users purchase wooden tokens valued at \$1 each.
- Credit/Debit will be charged a \$1 fee to swipe their card (much as they would at an ATM machine) and tokens are worth \$5 each.

\$1 tokens are only for the purchase of eligible products and *no change* may be given. The \$5 tokens can be used to purchase anything and change may be given.

- ⇒ \$1 wooden tokens **can** be used to purchase: breads, cereals, fruits, vegetables, meats, fish, poultry, seeds and plants which produce food for the household to eat. **NO CHANGE MAY BE GIVEN.**
- ⇒ \$1 wooden tokens **cannot** be used to purchase any nonfood items, soaps, paper products, household supplies; or prepared hot foods.
- ⇒ Once used by the customer, \$1 tokens may not be reused for purchases.
- ⇒ \$5 tokens may be used to purchase anything at the market and change may be given.

At the end of the market day, bring your tokens to the Information Booth. Here you will be able to verify the amount of tokens you are turning in. The first Saturday of the month, checks will be written in the amount owed to you. If you need to make other arrangements for redeeming tokens, the market is happy to work with you.

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**Please sign below and complete the QUIZ on the back!**

Federal food stamp regulations require all vendors to sign this agreement indicating they are aware of and understand the rules of the program. The Jackson County Farmers Market sees this as a joint responsibility.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by the rules herein as they relate to the processing of food stamp transactions. I/we agree to follow all USDA Food Stamp Program rules, as outlined below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vendor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**USDA Food Stamp Program Rules**

Households **CAN** use food stamp benefits to buy foods for the household to eat, such as;

- ⇒ Breads (including muffins and pastries) and cereals, fruits, vegetables, meats, fish, poultry, dairy products, and seeds and plants which produce food for the household.
- ⇒ Packaged foods that are intended to be eaten at home
- ⇒ Cold beverages.

Households **CANNOT** use food stamps to buy:

- ⇒ Nonfood items
- ⇒ Prepared hot foods
- ⇒ Hot beverages.

**Vendors may NOT set a minimum purchase requirement and NO cash can be given as change with food stamp tokens. Additionally, the selling of tokens for cash is a violation of the Food Stamp Program. Please report any violation to the Jackson County Farmers Market Board.**

**If you have questions regarding this program, please contact Lisa McBride at [jacksoncountyfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:jacksoncountyfarmersmarket@gmail.com) or call 828-393-5236.**

**TOKEN ACCEPTANCE QUIZ:**

**1. Every vendor must accept both \$1 SNAP tokens when applicable and \$5 Credit/Debit tokens?**

**TRUE or FALSE**

**2. Change may NOT be given for SNAP tokens, but MAY be given for Credit/Debit tokens.**

**TRUE or FALSE**

**3. SNAP customers may purchase anything at the market with \$1 tokens.**

**TRUE or FALSE**

**4. A vendor may reuse \$1 SNAP tokens to purchase items from other vendors.**

**TRUE or FALSE**

**5. You can request to be paid on a Saturday other than the first one of the month.**

**TRUE or FALSE**

**Thank you for your support of this valuable community program**