



# NEWS

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## **News Release**

**This year 21,300 low income older adults in Northwestern Ohio will be able to enjoy a wide variety of fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs. \$45 worth of Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) coupons will be mailed the first week of June to 13,851 qualified participants and the rest will be distributed at designated sites throughout 10 counties in Northwestern Ohio (please see attached distribution schedule for dates, times and locations).**

**Changes to this year's program include:**

- 1. We are mailing the coupons to those who've requested to receive coupons by mail.**
- 2. In several counties we are designating centralized distribution sites. Eligible senior citizens who did not request to receive coupons by mail may attend one of the distribution sites and pick up the coupons. Please see attached distribution schedule for the dates, times and locations.**
- 3. The benefit level is \$45 and everyone will receive that amount all at once – either by mail or at a distribution site. Three of the \$5 coupons expire July 31<sup>st</sup> and 6 of the \$5 coupons are valid August 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Over 100 farmers participating in farmers' markets, and operating farm stands will accept the coupons in exchange for locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs throughout the season. This program helps everyone involved; senior citizens, farmers, their families and the community.**

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# SFMNP Distribution Schedule

Date	County	Time	Location
June 4-5	Fulton County (419) 337-9299	9 am – 2 pm	June 4: Archbold, Swanton & Wauseon Senior Centers June 5: Delta and Fayette Senior Centers
June 4	Williams County	Contact Williams County Department of Aging (419) 633-4317	
June 5	Henry County	Contact Henry County Senior Center (419) 599-5515	
	Defiance County (419) 782-3233	7:30 am	Defiance and Hicksville Senior Centers
June 7	Paulding County (419) 399-3650	10 am	Paulding County Senior Center
June 8	Wood County (419) 353-5661	11 am – 3 pm	Woodland Mall, Bowling Green
June 11	Erie County (419) 626-2560	1 pm	Erie County Senior Center
June 12	Ottawa County 1-877-898-6459	11 am – 3 pm	Oak Harbor High School
June 14	Lucas County (419) 382-0624	9 am – 2 pm	Sylvania Sports and Exhibition Center 7060 Sylvania Ave
June 19	Sandusky County (419) 333-6067	11 am – 3 pm	American Legion, 2000 Buckland Avenue in Fremont