

## 2014 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

The annual Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) is available to eligible consumers across the county. If an individual is eligible they may receive one set of checks to be spent at participating farmers' markets. One set of checks is worth \$20.00 (issued as four checks worth \$5.00 each).

The checks may be spent through November 30<sup>th</sup> on produce that is **grown in Pennsylvania or purchased directly from a Pennsylvania farmer**. Examples of Pennsylvania produce are apples, beans, berries, carrots, grapes, melons, spinach and tomatoes. Consumers must spend the entire \$5.00 check, change will not be given. Lost or stolen checks will not be replaced.

Checks must be signed in the presence of the farmer, or they will not be accepted. If an eligible consumer requires a proxy to receive their checks, the proxy is responsible for signing for and spending the checks for the individual. All individuals must completely fill out a proxy form in order to have a proxy receive checks for them. Proxy forms are available at participating senior centers, on the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) website

<http://www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/seniorcenters.aspx> or

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture website

([http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS\\_6\\_2\\_75292\\_10297\\_0\\_43/AgWebsite/ProgramDetail.aspx?-Senior-Farmers-Market-Nutrition-Program-SFMNP&palid=17&](http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_6_2_75292_10297_0_43/AgWebsite/ProgramDetail.aspx?-Senior-Farmers-Market-Nutrition-Program-SFMNP&palid=17&)).

### Eligibility:

- **Allegheny County resident**
  - **60 years of age or older (by December 31, 2014)**
  - **Meet the income guidelines (self-reported):**
    - **One person household: At or below \$21,590**
    - **Two person household: At or below \$29,101\***
- \*Married couples may each receive one set of checks**
- **Older adults living in a nursing home, convent, or residential facility that provides meals on a regular basis are not eligible to receive checks**

### Distribution Day: Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

Distribution will take place at most senior centers in your area. Checks are distributed on a first come, first served basis, no exceptions. At the time of distribution be sure to bring identification with proof of age and residency.

