



2017 WIC FARMER'S PROFILE

Association Name: Sustainable Food Center Account Number: 4500

PLEASE TYPE, OR PRINT CLEARLY IN **BLUE OR BLACK INK**:

Farmer's Name:	
* Social Security #:	ID Assigned:
Farmer's Mailing Address:	Street Address (if different):
County of Residence:	
Home Phone:	Work Phone:
Fax:	E-Mail:

* Disclosure of your social security number (SSN) is requested for identification purposes only and will be held as confidential information by the Department of State Health Services as provided by law. No statute requires that you disclose your SSN for this purpose. However, failure to provide your SSN may result in delayed processing and/or denial of your application to participate in the WIC Program as a WIC cash value benefit farmer. As confidential vendor information, disclosure of your SSN is governed by 7 CFR §246.26(e), the Public Information Act (Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code), and other applicable law.

The farmer named above agrees to:

1. Read and be bound by the terms of policies, rules, and procedures of the WIC Program as applicable to the WIC farmers and the Farmers' Market Association.
2. Receive training on the policies, rules, and procedures of the WIC Program from the farmers' market under which the farmer is authorized to participate in the WIC Program.
3. Assure that WIC sales/transactions are reported to the State correctly identifying the specific market location where the sales/transaction occurred. The farmer agrees to conduct WIC sales/transactions only at authorized market locations during operating hours scheduled by the market association.
4. Only redeem WIC EBT cash value benefits for fresh fruits and vegetables, as authorized in the Farmers' Market Association Agreement. The farmer must not charge sales tax on WIC transactions. The Farmer agrees not to redeem WIC EBT cash value benefits for fruits or vegetables purchased from outside the continental United States or from a retail grocer, wholesaler, and/or terminal. The farmer must not redeem the WIC EBT cash value benefits for herbs, nuts, processed food items, non-food items, cash, or credit. The farmer acknowledges that the State may deny payment for improperly redeemed transactions and may demand a refund of payments already made on improperly redeemed transactions. The farmer must release the allowable fruit and/or vegetable benefits (items) to the WIC participant any time the WIC EBT card is decremented, whether a claim file is created or not.
5. Prominently display the sign "**WIC Accepted Here**" with the farmer's name and assigned identification number at the market stand at all times during market operations. If the sign is lost, the farmer must obtain another from the market manager, or display a suitable reproduction containing the same information. Authorized farmers must also post prices of all produce to be sold to WIC participants. The prices charged WIC participants must be equal to or less than the customary price for the selected fruit or vegetable that is charged to other customers who pay by cash, credit, or SNAP.
6. Provide WIC participants with the same courtesies and discounts offered to other customers and not harass or intimidate WIC recipients in any manner. Additionally, the farmer must not seek restitution from WIC participants for supplemental foods received through a WIC EBT transaction but not paid or only partially paid by the State.



7. Not discriminate against WIC participants based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age and extend the same courtesies as offered to other customers. The farmer assures that no conflict of interest with the WIC Local Agency or the State exists.
8. Be accountable for actions of family and employees in the redemption of WIC fresh fruit and vegetable benefits for WIC participants.
9. Be overtly and covertly monitored for compliance with WIC redemption procedures as specified in this agreement and the Farmers' Market Association Agreement. Non-compliance with WIC policies and procedures may result in sanctions as stipulated in State Policy WV:01.1. A farmer adversely affected by a State Agency action affecting participation has the right to appeal the adverse action in accordance with State Policy WV:13.1. A farmer that commits fraud or engages in other illegal activity is liable to prosecution under applicable Federal, State, or local laws.
10. Read and be bound by the procedures and processes described in the Texas Farmers' Market EBT Pilot Guide.

Farmer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Authorized Farmers' Market Association Agent:  _____ Date: 5/30/2017