

Seniors and People with Disabilities

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Topic: Food Benefits

Subject: Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families
<input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |
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Message:

The data base has been pulled for the 2010 Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program (SFDNP). This year we have approximately 53,000 seniors who will be sent invitations to participate in the program. The available funding will only provide benefits for approximately 29,800 of the eligible seniors. Seniors who receive benefits will receive one issuance of \$32 in farm direct checks for the season. Once funding is exhausted, the program will end for the year. Seniors who send in their invitation to participate after the program has closed will be sent an auto generated denial of benefits (SDS 0540). As of 4-1-2010, no additional seniors can be added to the data base for 2010 benefits.

[SPD-AR-10-009](#) stated that farm stand/farmers' market directories would be provided to local offices. This information has changed. Department of Agriculture will no longer be printing farm stand/farmers' market information. The SFDNP packet provided to eligible seniors will provide a partial list of participating farm stands and farmers' markets in their area. If the senior moves or will be traveling, they will need to access the new SFDNP website to find the location of additional farm stands or farmers' markets. The website is located at : <http://www.sfdnp.dhs.oregon.gov/> .

The SFDNP website provides links to nutritional information, produce selection and storage tips, recipes, and wellness information geared towards seniors. The website has been created to replace certain information formerly provided with the farm direct checks. Seniors will be able to use translation capabilities and increase font size on the

website. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the website, to better assist clients who may call requesting help locating a farm stand or farmers' market in their area.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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