

**Aging and People with Disabilities**

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**Topic:** Food Benefits

**Subject:** Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program Update

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees                             | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging             | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs                     | Disabilities Services(ODDS)                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's                               | In Home Services  |
| Residential Services   | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>please specify</i> ):     |

**Message:**

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has completed the random drawing of response cards from seniors interested in Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program participation, and has reached the program's maximum enrollment. OHA processed over 44,000 response cards from interested seniors. Funding allows for 43,000 seniors to be enrolled in this program.

Starting this week seniors enrolled in the program will receive a packet of six \$4 Farm Direct checks and a list of some participating markets and farm stands nearby. They will have until October 31st to spend the checks with authorized farmers on fresh, locally grown, unprocessed fruits, vegetables and cut herbs. Seniors whose response cards were not selected in the random drawing will be notified by postcard.

People who are not eligible for SFDNP and who contact the program's toll-free information line will be referred to ADRC or their local Area Agency on Aging office so they can be linked to senior meal programs or other available local resources. Here are the eligibility criteria that were used this year:

- Be 60 years old as of April 1, 2015;
- Be receiving Medicaid and/or SNAP benefits on April 1, 2015;
- Have income less than \$1,325 for an individual or \$1,793 for a couple; and

- Be living in a situation where food is not provided for them.

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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