

Food Assistance Programs at the Copake Hillsdale Farmers Market

Saturdays May-November, 9am-1pm, Roe Jan Park Route 22



SNAP/EBT – the individual vendors don't have swipers for your EBT card, so you must buy tokens from the manager booth before you shop. You don't have to spend all the tokens that day, and they are even good next season. You tell the manager how many dollars you want to spend; you swipe your card, it verifies that you have that amount available, and they give you tokens. You spend the tokens like cash at the vendor booths. They do not give change.

Doubling – there's a special program in New York State called Fresh2You that doubles what you can spend at the farmers market. After the manager gives you your tokens, you will ALSO be given the same amount in Fresh Connect checks. They can be spent the same way the tokens can, for any SNAP-eligible food.

Vouchers – the farmers market got a private grant that allowed them to give SNAP vouchers directly to Food Pantry customers to spend at the market. RJ Food Pantry has a limited number of vouchers to give out, as does Our Lady of Hope. They can be used for any SNAP-eligible foods. The vouchers must be used in the same year that they were given out. Like the SNAP/EBT card, you need to stop at the manager booth to convert your voucher into tokens.



\$25 Bonus for new SNAP customers – since the farmers market hopes to welcome more SNAP customers, they are offering a special \$25 bonus to any SNAP user who comes to the market for the first time this year. Once you go to the manager booth and tell them it's your first time, they will give you special tokens ("Market Match") that you use like cash for any SNAP-eligible food at the vendor booths.

Farmers Market Nutrition checks – occasionally, the Department of Social Services or the Office for the Aging will give out booklets of \$5 coupons. They can be spent at the farmers market, on fruits and vegetables only.

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