

# TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH

# FMNP/SFMNP TRAINING

**LOCATION:** Riverland Community College-Albert Lea Campus  
2200 Riverland Drive, Albert Lea, MN 56007  
Room 117 | Campus Map: <http://bit.ly/RiverlandAlbLeaMap>

**COST:** Free      **TIME:** 6:00pm to 7:30pm

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## FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM AND SENIOR FMNP TRAINING

The Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) are designed to bring new customers to farmers' markets and improve the diets of low-income, nutritionally-at-risk children, pregnant women, breastfeeding women, and people over 60, by providing them with fresh, locally grown produce. FMNP and SFMNP families receive \$20-\$25 per year to spend with authorized farmers who are selling at authorized farmers' markets.

### Who should become an authorized vendor?

Individual, for-profit farmers who sell fresh fruits and vegetables at authorized farmers' markets, and who want to have an additional source of income and future customers.

### What are the requirements to become an authorized vendor?

- Sell, fresh, unprocessed, locally grown fruits and vegetables
- Sell at an authorized farmers' market (see a list of last year's authorized markets)
- Be a resident of Minnesota or a bordering state and farm in Minnesota or a bordering county
- Grow the items that you sell at the farmers' market. The following requirements are necessary to be considered "grown by the vendor":
  - Own the land you farm, or rent with a rental agreement in your name;
  - Purchase the seeds, inputs, etc.;
  - Hired help must be employees and not contractors (must pay wages, etc.);
  - May not be grown by adult children who live apart from the member.

### How do you become an authorized vendor?

- Attend a training session
- Complete a vendor authorization agreement and return by the deadline
- Receive an authorization letter from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture

### Where does the program operate?

Due to limited funding, the program is only currently offered in limited areas. Farmers who sell at farmers' markets in these areas may be eligible: Albert Lea, Alexandria, Austin, Bemidji, Chisago City, Detroit Lakes, Faribault, Fergus Falls, Mankato, Northfield, Rochester, St. Joseph, St. Cloud, Wabasha, Wadena, and the Twin Cities Metro.



OUR WHY: TO DEVELOP,  
STRENGTHEN AND INSPIRE  
A LOCAL FOOD CULTURE  
THAT IMPROVES THE  
OVERALL \*WELLBEING OF  
THE REGION.

\*Physical, Mental,  
Economic, Environmental,  
Spiritual, Social

## CONVERSATION HUB

**6:00pm - 6:20pm**  
Drop by during this time for  
snacks and discussion!

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