

Senior Farm Direct Check Distribution: New Starting 2007!

► Background

Last year every eligible senior was mailed checks automatically. USDA's new regulations now require eligible seniors to sign up to receive the checks.

► How Eligible Seniors Will Sign Up for Farm Direct Checks

- The state agency for Seniors & People with Disabilities (SPD) will send a bright yellow application to every eligible senior towards the end of April (see Eligibility Requirements, below).

- **Eligible seniors must return the bottom portion of the application to SPD if they want to participate in Farm Direct.**

➤ If the bottom portion of the application is not returned SPD will not send the senior the Farm Direct checks.

- Every senior who returns the bottom portion of the application will receive \$30 worth of green \$3 checks, a directory of participating farmers' markets and farm stands, and other Farm Direct materials.
- Checks will be mailed to seniors who have sent in their application starting mid-June and ending October 31, 2007. Seniors may also spend the checks during this timeframe.

► Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the program a person must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be 60 years old as of April 1, 2007,
- Be receiving Medicaid or Food Stamps,
- Have monthly income under \$1149 for an individual or \$1541 for a couple, and
- Be living in a situation where food is not provided for them.

SPD will compile a list of seniors who meet the above requirements on April 1, 2007.

**For questions regarding Senior eligibility and issuance of checks,
please call 1-866-299-3562.**

This information is available in alternate formats by calling (971) 673-0040.