

# **NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services**

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## **Red River Market in Fargo Now Accepting SNAP Benefits**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Red River Market in Fargo is the latest farmers market in North Dakota to accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits via electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps low-income families buy food.

The Red River Market has approximately 23 individual vendors featuring fruits, vegetables, eggs, herbs, baked goods, and meat that can be purchased with SNAP benefits. The market is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Broadway and Second Ave. N. in downtown Fargo.

The Red River Market joins Hildebrant's Farmers Market in West Fargo and William Erbes Farm in Fargo who accept SNAP benefits.

There are seven additional farmers markets in Bismarck, Beulah, Bottineau, Cando, Grafton, Grand Forks, Hazen, Minot, and Washburn participating in the SNAP EBT Farmers Market program. Visit [www.nd.gov/dhs](http://www.nd.gov/dhs) for market hours and location information.

The North Dakota Department of Human Services has funds available to reimburse markets for costs up to \$1,300 for the purchase of point-of-sale machines including wireless that scan EBT cards. Other grant funding opportunities are available through USDA to help more farmers markets cover startup costs.

The SNAP EBT Farmers Market program is open to any food producer in North Dakota. Interested farmers markets need to apply to USDA and follow federal SNAP rules and policies.

Each month, SNAP helps about 53,290 qualifying low-income North Dakotans by providing about \$6.5 million in benefits that help individuals and families purchase food at over 450 participating grocers and farmers markets. Almost half of the program participants are children; many others are elderly or have disabilities.

For more information on the North Dakota Department of Human Services' SNAP EBT Farmers Market program, or to become an authorized market, contact the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program at 701-328-2328, toll free 800-755-2716, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or [dhsea@nd.gov](mailto:dhsea@nd.gov).

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